

CommUnity Team

October 4, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m.

City Hall- 2nd floor conference room

Members Present: Bobbie Erdmann, Berlin Area Historical Society; Ron Harke, Berlin Boat Club; Lindsey Kemnitz, Berlin Community Development director; Laura Fultz; Berlin Public Library Director; Dick Schramer, Berlin Mayor; Kristina Boeck, Downtown Business; Shae Stangl, Berlin Chamber; Dr. Eidahl, Berlin School District; Hanna Meronk, Boys and Girls Club; Tammy Bending, ThedaCare; Sue Trampf, ABC Group & Lions.

Kemnitz called the meeting to order at 8:03am. Eidahl noted a correction that is needed that the musical is November not October; Bobbie also had a couple of grammatical corrections. Bobbie move to approve the minutes as corrected from September 6th. 2nd by Laura and was carried by a voice vote.

Events:

Sue Trampf stated the ABC Group is having lighting of the park on November 16th at 4:30pm. Trees will be cut October 26th, hauled to the park on the 27th and put up on the 28th. Harry is working on the registration forms and the location of those. It will be \$20 to sponsor a tree.

Lions Club will be selling cheese boxes this year for \$20 apiece in November until they are gone. They also will be selling the coupon books again.

The Ghost Walk is October 14th starting at 6:30pm. October 27th at 6:30pm the Historic Society will be announcing the 2017 Honorees for the Inspiration Wall at Berlin High School.

The Library and Senior Center are partnered together for Jerry Apps to come to the Senior Center on Thursday November 16th at 1pm.

Boys and Girls Club is having Trunk or Treat event on Monday October 30th from 4 to 5:30pm. There is registration form that groups must fill out prior to event. Sparks Club will be having an open house at the same time and will have tours of the club every half an hour.

Reports:

The Chamber is working on planning for the holiday parade and the end of the year meeting. The holiday parade is on November 16th at 6pm, registration forms will be out shortly. The theme for the parade is board games/ games. They are also working on preparing for the membership renewals for 2018.

The BCDC stated that on Tuesday they toured Wisconsin Spice. Also they sold a property with Aurora Manufacturing earlier this summer and on Tuesday Plan Commission approved the site plan for an expansion of the existing building.

Mayor Schramer stated that the hotel project has switched developers and tentatively having investor meetings for October 20th. The seawall is almost complete by Riverside Park. 107 W Huron Street is a major concern for the City as the property owner is not fixing the building and may cause damage to adjacent building if not fixed.

Tammy Bending stated that Thedacare recently received three new providers. There are two doctors that are retiring and leave an opening in Wautoma for a provider.

Dr. Eidhal stated the high school is getting a new roof and is almost completed. Homecoming was this past week and went very well. November 9th, 10th, and 11th is the school musical the Fiddler on the Roof. October 27th is the Inspiration Wall. The Hall of Fame was well turn out and soon the plaques should be hanging at the school.

GLCVB recently had a meeting and is starting to look for next year's marketing contractor.

The Historical Society had a bus tour yesterday from Lansing Michigan. They are working on a couple of new exhibits; someone donated a whole box of lady hats and will have a section for them to be tried on. Bottling works building will be having new exhibits as well. In the Library the Historical Society will be having a display of the patents from Berlin. As it was mentioned before the Ghost Walk is coming up.

Hanna reported that the Boys and Girls Club has the Duel event coming up on November 3rd at Royal Ridges. They are collection coats for kids now until October 20th. Planning for the Thanksgiving Meal, last year there was 65 families and are hoping for more this year. Also working with communities for adopts a family for the holiday season. October 17th there will be a meeting in Ripon for the potential of some presence of the Boys and Girl Club. Boys and Girls Club is always looking for local businesses to setup tours for the kids.

Kemnitz mentioned the TREDC is having their annual summit on November 2nd from 8am to 1:30pm, breakfast and lunch will be provided. It is at Camp LU WI SO MO in Wild Rose and will be a cost of \$30.

Ron Harke stated that the Fox River Heritage Parkways is removing the tour boats this week.

Berlin Boat Club has set the date for 2018 Corn Roast for August 10th and 11th. The numbers were lower this year due to the wet spring and there were many people that kayaked and canoed this year. At the annual event it was the largest fundraiser since 2011.

Laura reported that the new children's librarian started and will be updating the area with new rugs and furniture. October 30th the Dandelion is planning a workshop at the library. November 14th Karen from the Ladybug is working with the library on another event. October 14th and 21st are free movies at the library.

Sue stated the ABC Group is working with the radio station to have music playing in the park. The fourth of July event will be on July 3rd and will be just an afternoon as it is on a Tuesday.

Kristia stated she wants to do a survey of the downtown business owners to see what they would like to see. October 17th Baked: Cakes by Design will be going to All Saints to do a workshop with the students to make cookies for their grandparents for Grandparents Day.

Sue reported that the Lions Club will be selling the cheese boxes next month. The coupon book will for sale for \$15 and will have about \$80 worth of coupons. The Lions Club is planning to plant trees in the community as a community project to give back.

Motion was made by Dr. Eidhal to adjourn the meeting at 9:00am and seconded by Ron Harke, which carried by voice a vote.

Lindsey Kemnitz, City of Berlin