

CFIT Minutes May 20, 2017

1. Richard called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM. There was a motion by Hardy and a second by Amy to accept the minutes. Motion passed.
2. Treasurer's report was given by Marian. Our starting balance was \$631.57. There was a debit card expense to Rixstein in the amount of \$174.79, and checks to Richard in the amount of \$6.44, plus two \$10 checks. There was a debit for \$25 to Cricket for the phone. There were deposits of \$42 for Earth Day donations, \$249.95 for the April fundraiser, and \$500 from ATU International, giving us a closing balance of \$1,172.29.
(Upon calculating this I realized that Marian had also written checks to Amy and Richard the day of the meeting for \$15. and \$10. respectively, which makes the balance of \$1172.29 correct.)
3. Fundraisers: Richard and Amy attended an event at F Street Rec. Center. They only received \$5.00 in donations. A number of people signed up to win 4 prizes. Prizes included, a bottle of perfume, \$15 gift card to da Vinci's, a \$20 gift card to Billy's, and a free haircut. The winners were notified and prizes have been delivered. The fundraiser at Super Saver on 27th in Pinelake raised \$249.95.

Other fundraisers are as follows:

June 24, 2017, from 10 AM until 2 PM, at Edgewood shopping center, 56th and Highway 2.

July 15, 2017, from 11 AM until 3 PM at the Super Saver at the Fallbrook Shopping Center.

This Fundraiser was in conflict with our July meeting, so after some discussion there was a motion by Marion and a second by Zach to cancel the July monthly meeting. Motion passed. We would have had the same conflict with our August meeting so there was a motion by Marilyn and the second by Ralph to cancel the August fundraiser. Motion passed.

Amy has gotten several gift cards and other donations to be used as fundraisers. Amy thinks we should have a picnic at the park in August. There were suggestions of where we might have this type of event. Suggestions included First Plymouth Church, at 20th and D St.. Union Square, or the farmers market on 13th and F St. Amy we'll continue to work on how we can get food for this event as well as pinning down a location.

Wyatt Nelson became a new member. He told us about upcoming events. The Nebraska Water Protectors Fundraiser & Round-dance will be held on June 30, 2017 at the Indian Center from 6 PM until very late. This event does seem like something our group might want to be involved in. We will discuss it further at our June 17 meeting.

4. We discussed ordering more reusable grocery bags for our fundraising. There was a motion by Ralph and the second by Hardy to order 100 bags at a cost of approximately \$300. Motion passed.

5. There was a motion by Hardy and the second by Zach to order 12 new T-shirts the cost of approximately \$130. Motion passed.
6. The group was informed that the E board has decided that the \$10 month budget we set for Richards miscellaneous expenses was not adequate. The board voted to increase the amount to \$20 a month.
7. Richard discussed the terms of our grant request with Lincoln Community Foundation. The grant would provide \$20,000 which we would use to purchase 2,500 low income passes to be distributed to various social service organizations. Richard has documentation from these organizations showing that the need for these passes is significantly greater than 2500. If we received a grant our organization would purchase an additional 10 bus passes out of our treasury. Ralph Hayden made the motion and there was a second by Hardy. Motion passed. Richard will be contacting other nonprofit organizations that might be willing to donate money for this cause.
8. By-laws will be scanned and emailed to be discussed at a later date.
9. Richard and Don have been in contact with elected officials regarding pres. Trump's proposed cuts to transportation funding. We are okay for now, but they will continue to monitor the situation.
10. There was a motion by Ralph and a second by Zach to order a banner that can be used at our fundraisers. The approximate cost should not exceed \$75.
11. Richard spoke with a group of Yazidi refugees from northern Iraq. He was able to explain the bus system as well as provide schedules, all route maps, and bus passes. Richard will be writing article for the neighborhood extra.
12. Bus stops: Richard has succeeded in getting some bus stops moved as well as getting branches trimmed so that bus stop signs are visible. He continues to work on this. Zach expressed concern about the bus stop on Touzelan and Adams. Richard will work on that.
13. The new replica trolley buses have been sent back to factory because of defects. It is unclear when they will be back. Amy suggested that StarTran should look at Nebraska City's trolleys as a good example.
14. There was discussion about an article that appeared in the newspaper regarding the possibility of the city of Lincoln trying to implement the use of autonomous cars. CFIT opposes this idea. There was a motion by Marian and a second by Ralph for Richard to send a letter expressing our concerns. The motion passed unanimously.
15. CFIT needs to have some type of a note card that can be used for various things including thank you notes. There was a motion by Ralph in a second by Zach to order 200. The approximate cost should be no more than \$50. Motion passed.
16. Richard asked for a motion to request that we ask to have bus stops moved closer to the intersection of 70th and Pioneers. There was a motion by Hardy in a second by Ralph to have Richard make a formal request. Motion passed.
17. Richard notified us that he will make a personal request that a bus stop be added to the area of 56th and Old Cheney.
18. There was no old business
19. There was no new business
20. There was a motion by Hardy and second by Zach to adjourn. Motion passed.

