

**Draft Minutes
Funfest Wrap-Up Meeting
Sunday July 19, 2015
Ewart, Michigan**

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Rayman at 1:00 pm. Board members present: Kathy Rayman, Gail Perna, Sue Crandle, and Trustees Julie Arnold and John Kuch.

Officer and Chair reports will be posted online and in the upcoming newsletter.

Gail Perna requested \$3500.00 be donated to Osceola County Fairgrounds. Motion carried, and a check for \$3500.00 was given to Rick Sherman.

Kathy Rayman expressed her thanks to all who work to make the festival a success; 'We are all pieces of the puzzle', and 'if this was the game of curling, our job is to broom the stone down the ice'. A job well done.

Kathy Rayman addressed questions about emergency plans in case of severe weather. The fairgrounds staff has an effective emergency plan in place.

Gail Perna reported 3 amazing nights of concerts. Artists are working together as well as individually, and producing wonderful music and entertainment for concert goers. 6 acts signed up for Saturday afternoon's open mike show; of the 6 acts, 3 will be invited to perform next year.

Gail also thanked Rex LaLonde for his work cordoning off the HD pre-show area. Participants were able to enter and exit quickly and safely this year. A big improvement over last year!

Comments

Rex asked to replace existing flagpoles with lighter, easier to handle poles. He will do this himself.

Cliff Atwater requested that vendor hours be posted and be stuck to. There were conflicting closing times in the Workshops program. This will be fixed next year.

Security continues to be a problem in the vendor barns. Steps to solve the problem will be discussed at October's meeting. Among possible solutions: 1. assign Trustees and others wearing security shirts to stand guard at entrances to the barns, 2. Vendors and their helpers wear tags clearly identifying them as vendors, 3. "Vendors Only" signs

Gates security also remains a problem. Discussion of solutions is ongoing. One suggestion was to ask local dulcimer clubs to volunteer hours. Their booth could carry their club name to give them some publicity. List of clubs mentioned: Jolly Hammers,

Uncle Carl's, Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society, Silver Strings, Subterranean Strings, Broken Glass, Ithaca.

Member Jeff Despard donated very nice United States and World maps on which people could pin their home towns. He reported that the furthest distance was the South Pole!

Next ODPC meeting will be held on October 3, 2015 at the Evert Fairgrounds. Board meeting at 11, followed by membership meeting.

January's meeting, if required, will be held again in Hastings, Michigan on January 9, 2016, at Commission on Aging, 320 West Woodlawn, Hastings, MI 49058.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Crandle