

Tripp Co Building Committee met on February 25 2020 at 7 pm at the Tripp Co Community Room. Members present were as follows: Brittany Shelbourn, Amanda Willuweit, Dean Watzel, Audie Larson, Kim DeJong, Roger Myers, Bonnie Rutten, Rhonda Gilchrist, Scott Hollenbeck, Nichi Brinda, Jeremy Schroeder, Mike Novotny. Visitors to the group were Tom Shelbourn, Keith Kauer, Kirby Kartak, Joyce Kartak, Rick Kartak, Dewayne Welker, Laura Welker, Barb Watzel, Bretta Watzel, Brad Watzel.

Amanda read the minutes of the last meeting from January. Audie made motion to approve the minutes as read and Kim 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Scott gave the Treasure report. \$73,070.78. He handed out his report for all to look at. Roger made the motion to approve the treasure report Bonnie 2nd the motion.

Motion carried. Amanda asked about the \$70,000.00 that was agreed on in January to be put into a CD and Scott reported that he had not done anything with this as of yet. Only because the committee needed to figure out what needed to be done on returning the \$5000.00 from Farm Credit Services. Bonnie also mentioned that Dawn needs to contact someone at Farm Credit about sending the \$5000.00 back to them since it was obtained falsely the committee was to have half of the money raised for the building project. The committee did not have the funds raised.

The committee discussed the CD and any penalties on withdrawing it before the ending date. Bonnie made a motion to table the CD until next meeting on March 31 2020. Roger 2nd the motion. The discussion was tabled.

Next on the agenda was the Beef Raffle as of yet no one has picked up any tickets for this. Laura sent the tickets around the room for people to take at the meeting. Laura asked Kim if she had a minimum of tickets that needed to be sold in order to give the beef away at our next meeting. The committee will be doing a Facebook live for the drawing.

Following the agenda the committee has to come up with a plan for the building for the March 10th meeting with the commissioners. Brad said that Summit did not ever reply back to him about a building. Dean contacted Morton about a building and they sent the specs for a 54x117 building with 14 .9 sidewalls the peak would be 24.6 with 2 slide doors that would each be 27 ft openings on each end of the building with 4 slide doors that are 8ft there would be 2 on each side. The existing sheep and swine building is 3240 sq feet and the new one would almost double the size its sq feet would be 6318. There will also be 3x3 side panels along the top of the building for sun light. Concrete for the building would be roughly \$45,000.00. Electricity around \$10,000.00. So if the group were to raise around \$200,000.00 the building and concrete would be roughly \$160,000.00 \$10,000.00 for electricity and then that would leave \$30,000.00 for water, panels, and wash rack in the building.

There was much discussion on the existing Dairy Barn with the possibility of a face lift new tin new doors and new drop down doors. It was also mentioned that there should be concrete in the building. Laura said that with small children the strollers are a pain to push thru the sand and it is not really wheel chair friendly either. The group was asked what do the small animals need and here were some of things that Laura had brought out from a previous meeting with the Small Animal committee : Drop down doors, removable gates and panels, and good air flow. All things that the Dairy Barn has. Rhonda mentioned that the new building had a spot for the small animals set aside. She feels that they are being pushed out of the new building. But as mentioned the Dairy Barn has all of the things that the small animal committee wants in their part of the building. But as of yet there are no set plans on to where the Dairy or the Small Animals will be. Laura asked if there was any one that would be willing to look into the fixing of the Dairy Barn and also concrete Dean said that yes he would look into this project.

The Committee talked about adding another 18-20ft to the new building but then decided that it will become cramped in between the Dairy and new building.

Public Comment on the building was then open then the public thought that the cost of the building was something that the community could handle and would be willing to support. Mike had also mentioned that when the new proposal is brought to the Commissioners all they need is a rough cost and a size and also where the building will be put.

Laura asked for a motion then for the new building. Audie made the motion to build a 54x117 building and to also visit with Morton to refurbish the Dairy Barn to accommodate the Small Animals. Roger 2nd this motion. All in favor no one opposed. Motion passed.

The committee then discussed reapplying for grants and donations. Laura said that she would visit with CHS about the donation that they have made.

Tripp Co Foundation Bonnie and Dean will both visit with the Foundation.

Kim DeJong will visit with First Fidelity Bank.

And on April 7th the Leaders have a meeting so it will be discussed then.

Dean had also said that he will visit with Barry Grossenburg about donating and also talking to Rosebud Concrete about a donation also.

Laura Welker said that she has talked to Marilyn Grossenburg and the Grossenburg family is in support of the smaller building.

The Committee then had to form a board consisting of a chair , vice chair, secretary , and the treasure which consists of 2 people.

So Laura explained that we could form a committee of the Leaders Corp. or apply as an affiliate which would mean that we would have to have our own by-laws and dissolution statement. But that we could also just go under the County also but going this way would mean that we would not be able to use the 4-H name. She advised against this just for the main reason of not being able to use the 4-H name. The committee discussed this also and agreed that it would make more sense to go under the County just because it would be easier than having to have a set of by-laws and a dissolution statement made for a committee that really isn't a long term committee.

So Brittany made the motion to that as a committee we are under the Tripp Co. Commissioners for the sole purpose of fundraising and building a building and improvements with a board consisting of a Chair , Vice Chair, Secretary , and 2 Treasures. Dean 2nd this motion. All Ayes. Motion passed. All opposed none.

Scott did mention that the Leaders have the 501C3 so the committee can use this as a fiduciary agent for any grant writing that will be happening for the building.

The Committee then formed their board.

The Chair was elected first Nominations were made: Audie nominated Bonnie there were no more nominations so Kim made the motion to cease nominations.

Audie 2nd Kim's motion. All in favor of Bonnie as chair. All opposed none.

Vice Chair: Audie made motion to nominate Jeremy. Brittany made motion to cease nomination.

Amanda 2nd this motion.

All in favor of Jeremy as Vice Chair. All opposed none.

Secretary : The committee had already asked Amanda in the January meeting if she would take minutes for the meetings and she agreed. Amanda was nominated. Brittany made motion to cease nominations.

Audie 2nd the motion. All in favor of Amanda as Secretary. All opposed none.

The Treasures were Scott and Laura Welker. Scott declined his position as one of the Treasures.

Amanda nominated Dean. Jeremy made the motion to cease nominations. Bonnie 2nd the motion.

All in favor of Dean as Co Treasure with Laura passed. All opposed none.

Brittany made the motion to remove Scott as Treasure and add Dean to the account. Roger 2nd the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

Laura mentioned having the board go to the Commissioners on the 10th of March. Mike said that the more people that come to that meeting the better.

Scott mentioned that he and his wife are upset on the way the building is progressing and that they would like to have the \$1700.00 back from the beef raffle donation that they donated in February of 2019. They asked that the money go to something else just not towards the building. Discussion was held Bonnie said that raffles are a donation. Dean made the motion to give Scott \$600.00 of the initial cost of the 1/4 of beef that was donated to the building fund. Audie 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. All opposed none. Scott asked that the check be made out to the Leaders for Building Improvements.

Laura asked Dean if he would contact a representative from each committee about door placements and windows. Dean said that yes he would do this.

Brittany made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie 2nd the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed.

After the meeting the Welkers donated \$1000.00 to the Building to replace the \$600.00 that Scott requested back.

Secretary Amanda Willuweit