

PCBO making plans for annual Fourth of July celebration

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Plans are coming along for the annual Fourth of July Celebration in Pekin.

The Pekin Community Betterment Organization met on Feb. 27 to discuss the latest plans.

Those attending were President Anita Temple, Cheryl Yates, Paula Ratts, Jack Mahuron, Marvin Clark, Brian Elmore, Taylor Humphrey, Sandy Ison, Gerald Fleming, Barry Hattabaugh, Rhonda Burnett, Steve Burnett, Lois Greene and Mary Bell.

Rhonda Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Burnett said the prayer.

Gerald Fleming made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting (Sept. 19, 2013).

Jack Mahuron and Marvin Clark, representatives of the Salem-Washington County Bicentennial Celebration 1814-2014 Committee asked for support from the PCBO.

They would like to have information about the bicentennial celebration put in the program and advertised during the Fourth of July celebration.

They also presented a sesquicentennial coin to each person from the celebration in 1964.

They showed the new coin that is being minted for the 2014 celebration. Those coins are available for \$400 per 100 with logo of the organization or businesses purchasing on the reverse side.

Fleming made a motion for the PCBO to purchase 100 and Sandy Ison seconded his motion

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and it carried.

Temple will get the PCBO Fourth of July logo to them to be placed on the coin.

The Salem-Washington County Bicentennial group was also invited to set up a table at the Pekin celebration.

Brian Elmore, a local musician, approached the board about about being put on the program either July 3rd or 4th. He offered a four-hour program with breaks, or a two-hour program for \$550 using their own sound system and lights. Barry Hattabaugh, who has offered to help line out musical entertainment, will get with Brian to help make plans.

The PCBO voted to discontinue to the Safari Bicycle Ride due to the declining number of riders. Paula Ratts made the motion and Cheryl Yates seconded it. The motion carried. The group decided to come up with other ideas to replace the ride as a fundraiser.

Fourth of July events were discussed. It was decided to ask a set fee for the food vendors this year. \$400 for food vendors with their own set-ups and \$500 for the Borden Lions Club, which uses the shelter house.

Temple has talked to Town Manager Gary Nale about the need to put down gravel in certain areas so the food vendors can be moved to accommodate the carnival. She will get some bids on the cost of doing this. The PCBO will have to fund any work that is done.

The annual 5K will be July 5.

John Perry has decided the motorcycle ride will not raise enough money to make it worthwhile to hold.

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Rhonda Burnett discussed adding a duet category to the Pekin idol Contest. The PCBO agreed.

The group also decided on prizes, which range between \$25 and \$100.

The Pekin Idol will be held July 5 at 1 p.m. with registration from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

The 2013 Fourth of July Queen Taylor Humphrey will organize plans to have a baby contest after the Pekin Idol.

Barry Hattabaugh will get musical acts lined up for the July 3 and 4th. Steve Tankersley will also try to line up people to help break the world record of largest spoon ensemble.

If Becky White from WSLM wants to bring her karaoke program, it will need to be Saturday evening.

It was requested that the PCBO pay to have the interior of the shelter house repainted, this request was declined.

Fireworks will be put on by Zambelli this year.

New U.S. Flags and pole mounts will be purchased as needed to line the streets this year. Mr. Zencer with Telemedia Solutions will be overseeing getting them installed and is storing them in the Telemedia building.

Temple will apply for the Parade and Banner Permits.

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Sandy Ison, parade chairperson, stated that most parade entries will meet at the Eastern High School parking lot, with the exception of the walking units lining up at the Full Gospel Fellowship Church Parking lot, and the band on Main Street. Sandy also asked for ideas for the parade grand marshal.

Humphrey will be contacting Micah Hazelip to see if he is interested in over-seeing a 3 on 3 basketball contest this year.

Derby City Carnival has asked the PCBO to sell ride arm bands before the event this year.

The group's next meeting will be March 20, 2013 at the Shelter House in Pekin Park.