

## MANITO POPCORN FESTIVAL

May 15, 2017

Lee, Dorothy, Rita, Bonnie, Rayeann

There were no further theme suggestions so we chose Pop around the clock with a 1950's theme.

Dorothy: \$14,284.29 in checking and \$200 in parade account.

Lee was using his own personal post office box for the Popcorn Festival so now we have our own box. It's P O Box 44 so if anyone wants to relay money, applications, or mail of any kind, please use this box now.

The Pancake and Sausage Day was not a money-maker for us. If we choose to continue it, suggestions were made to raise prices, no free meal, use a meat bundle as the raffle prize. If anyone else has any ideas, we will make a decision towards the end of the year.

Meals: Lee's Family Restaurant will have fish on Friday night, Saturday will be chicken barbeque and Sunday will be Methodist Church with Raber's doing the catering.

Dorothy and Rayeann created a sponsor letter that was sent out on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 50 businesses and a return envelope was included. As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, \$2450 has been received.

Dorothy is contacting several corporate sponsors for their donations. And she's also contacted various companies to get our festival in their publications.

Rayeann:

Signed contract with Cass Cable for \$400 for their commercials.

Received CD's of pictures of the festival from Shawn Prather and Makensie Bigliozzi. She created a Dropbox.com account so anyone she gives access to can go in and pull off high quality pictures to use for papers. The Destinations magazine that comes out in the Pekin paper is very interested in adding our event to their magazine. They will call for a story.

Petting zoo will be \$900 for one day. If we can get enough sponsors, maybe have them on Sunday also.

Inflatable contract is signed and set up for one day for the cost of \$800.

Talked with Lori Canada about a donation from the Lodge. She will talk with them.

Rita:

Vendors are questioning why the dates aren't changed on the website. Rayeann will get in and correct the dates and P O Box.

The Knockerballs need a large space so they will be at the west side of the park along the street. She will rearrange some of the food venders.

We received an email from Brody that he couldn't attend but the Methodist Church approved our using the lot for the festival. Due to financial constraints, they asked if we would be interested in giving a donation for the use of the lot. There was some discussion but no decision made. We are not a money-making entity so it will depend on what funds we have available.

We still don't have entertainment for Sunday. It was suggested that Ed Autrey and his daughter, Amber may be interested in performing. They would have their own sound equipment. Possibly some other local performers would be interested. Everything would have to start after the kids gams and kiddie tractor pull.

Woiwode family has agreed to allow us to have the kids games on Sunday on their lot so we can keep everything in the park this year.