



Norwalk Hometown Pride convened at 6:38p.m. Monday, April 17, 2023, at City State Bank in Norwalk. Attending were Nichole Swisher, Chris Swisher, Annie Hoth, Kristie Petersen, Kim Fairley, Corbett Reeves, Nicole Hofmeyer and Judy Corcoran. Michelle Lippert attended the meeting by phone.

As treasurer Michelle provided several financial statements in preparation for her resignation from the board to be effective May 1, 2023. (Copes of the reports are included with the minutes which are saved by the secretary). The records were complete through the fiscal quarter of October 2022 through March 2023.

- Expenditures from October 2022 through March 31, 2023, totaled \$14,725.45.
- The Statement of Financial Position showed \$42,119.09 in current assets as of 3/31/23 and compared to \$26,831.22, on 3/31/22, an increase of \$15,287.87.
- Revenue during the period included \$1,950 in donations for pavers at Veterans' Memorial and \$2,300 in sponsorships for Lights of Love trees during December.

Michelle reported the organization's Form 990 was to be filed the following week. She also will create letters to City State Bank and to Hometown Pride announcing her official resignation effective May 1, 2023, and will resign from the QuikBooks account.

Michelle introduced Nicole Hofmeyer who is moving into the treasurer role; Kim Fairley has accepted the bookkeeper position on a temporary basis. The committee voted to accept Michelle's resignation and separately voted to appoint Nicole Hofmeyer as treasurer.

#### **Old Business**

Much of the work for Celebrate Norwalk on July 4 has been moved to the Norwalk Area Chamber of Commerce, including the drive-through breakfast at the Public Safety building on the morning of July 4 which will be handled by the Chamber along with Michael Foods. In previous years, HTP received donations from the breakfast event.

Corbett reported a Music Fest sub-committee has selected bands for the September 3 event at City Park. Four main stage bands will perform 90-minute sets; four solo acts will perform 45-minute sets on the second stage. Main stage bands: 28 Days Later, 1-2:30 p.m.; The Feel Right, 3:30-5 p.m.; D. Smith Band, 6-7:30 p.m.; and Red Dirt Renegade, 8:30-10 p.m. Performing at the Solo/Duo Stage North Parking Lot will be J. Jeffrey Messerole, 12-1 p.m.; Ducharme-Jones, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Quinn Trilk, 5-6 p.m.; and Ryne Doughty, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The committee approved a motion by Michelle, seconded by Nichole, to transfer \$1850 from the HTP General Fund to the Music Fest fund as planning for the 2023 event moves ahead. Corbett said he is ready to send contracts to the bands; total cost for bands will be \$4,900.

Veterans Memorial Paver Project - Michelle will manage the transfer of funds raised for engraved pavers at the Veterans Memorial to Cumming American Legion Post 562 which will handle maintenance of the memorial. Jackson has added contact information for donating to the paver project on the HTP website.

In New Business, the committee:

- delayed discussion until May of a proposed fund-raiser bike ride through the community in Fall, 2024
- noted the need to refer event vendors to the HTP site to register for both Celebrate Norwalk and Norwalk Music Fest. Nichole has provided links to both site for vendors.
- Discussed the need for an online form to recruit volunteers for HTP events.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, May 15. Celebrate Norwalk and Music Fest meetings are being scheduled separately.

Judy Corcoran  
Secretary

