

Friends of Rippey Meeting
February 2nd, 2025
5:30 pm
Rippey Library-South Meeting Room

Present: Chelsi Lawrence (Chair), Anita Rowe (Treasurer), Cara McCoy (Secretary), Nancy Hanaman, Donnie Carpenter, Charity Snavelly, and Tiffany Snavelly.

The meeting was called to by Chelsi at 5:30pm. Donnie made a motion to approve the agenda and Anita, seconded it, motion carried. Minutes from the January meeting were read. Anita made the motion to approve the minutes, Charity seconded it, motion carried. The treasurer's report was given by Anita. The beginning balance was **\$23,185.04**. The only expense was \$151.50 for Gambling License Renewal. Income was a \$1000 donation from Phyllis and Larry Lepke. This brings the ending balance to **\$24,033.54**. Cara made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Tiffany seconded it, motion carried.

The grant was discussed next. All of the estimates have been gathered for the grant and the total amount the grant will be is \$57,806.76. A vote/motion to approve the grant amount \$57,806.76 was made by Charity and seconded by Donnie, vote/motion carried.

The gambling license has been renewed and we are good for another year.

The golf fundraiser was discussed, we will know more by the end of March. Donnie said there would be 18 teams of 4 so 72 players. We are looking into getting donations of gift cards for the winners. We are also looking into silent auction items. We think a 50/50 raffle would go over well. We are thinking about a free will donation for food. We will be solidifying a date soon.

The Easter Egg Hunt was discussed. The date is April 12th with a rain date of April 19th. The hunt will be at 10:30am with the meal following. The menu will include hot ham and cheese sliders, cheesy hashbrowns, and fruit. We will decide the amount for food and decorations at the next meeting once we see how the prices will change this month.

Anita will complete the Biennial report this month and will let us know how that goes at the next meeting.

The memorial day service will be May 26th, more information coming soon.

Rippey Fun Day was discussed. Food Trucks solidified are the Greene County Cattlemen's, Two different Taco trucks, a Wine Slushies truck, The Parlour: an Ice Cream Truck, Weine Wonderland, and McSnacks. The total number of trucks are 7. We are also looking into a beer truck/tent, Whistling Donkey has been contacted and Thirsty Pigs was suggested. Dan is working on the Fireworks. We have to contact Roger to make sure about the use of his field. We need to contact the Grand Junction Fire Department for them to be here during the fireworks. There will be a parade, car show, and truck show. We are looking into a pickleball and

basketball tournament. A corn hole tournament was also discussed. We would like to get some more events for kids, inflatables, face painting etc. We will be getting porta potties and garbage. The road can't be closed so we will work around that. We are looking into a street band.

We would like to get more involvement from the community for Friends of Rippey. A mailer to discuss what Friends of Rippey is and to try to entice people to join our group was suggested. A motion to send a mailer was made by Anita and seconded by Donnie, motion carried.

We discussed adding an additional Facebook/Social media page just for the Friends of Rippey events. Tabled until next month.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm was made by Charity and seconded by Tiffany, motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 2nd, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Submitted by
Cara McCoy,
Secretary