

## SOSAC MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. The following members and guest were present: Victoria Wentala, Dave Horn, Kathy Messner, Mike Messner, Norma Hilton, Bev Simmons, Sue Outman, Mark Honeysett, Harold Seymour and Libby Owens.

Celebrations were given for the following activities:

Once Upon a Mattress was the high school musical directed by Mary Ann Grile; the reviews all over town stated that the play was awesome! We wish to thank the students and adults who were part of the play.

We received a note from Dorothy Brueck about the Riverside Art students who are in completions and how well they are doing. We have several students whose works are going to the State competition.

Fitness Center News

Membership at this time:

46 year long members

9 six month members

14 3 month members

13 1 month members; we are pleased with the interest that continues to grow. We have a Spring Fit Class that is going to start.

March 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Basketball game between the Constantine Staff and the Constantine Police and Fire Departments. The doors will open at 1:00 and the game will start at 2:00. We will have a Bake Sale and Concessions open to raise funds for the Fitness Center.

Village Manager Honeysett told us about 2 upcoming events.

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Village offices there will be a Visioning meeting, the discussion will revolve around the priorities' of the downtown area. We are all invited to attend

Blaine Lamb from the Kalamazoo Borgess Run will be in town tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. to talk about a possible 5K or 10K here.

Military Wall of Fame – Mr. Horn explained about a Wall of Fame he saw at Belleview High School. They honor all the men and women who have served or are serving in the military. They list them on a plaque in random order; the name plate is purchased by the military person's family. They do a picture and short write up of a person killed in the line of duty. The committee feels this would be a project worth doing. Mr. Horn was going to see Superintendent Frisbee to see if we had permission to continue with this project. This has been done and permission granted to continue. Mr. Horn and Mr. Seymour are going to co-chair this committee, with Bev, Tori and Mark assisting. Anyone else who would like to be on this sub-committee should contact Dave Horn. We discussed financing and it was suggested that we apply for a CACF grant for seed money.

We also discussed an Academic Top Ten as seen by Mr. Horn at Homer High School. Homer High School also does an ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB HALL OF FAME.

This involves those students who have graduated and gone on to college, tech school, community college etc., an example would be CHS graduate Mike Messner who then graduated from U of M with his Bachelor's degree. His family could pay for a name plate that would tell of his achievements. We felt this would be a better project than a Top Ten and suggested that the Alumni Committee look at taking on this project. We felt this would need someone to be in charge of ordering and bookkeeping so at this time another group needed to be involved.

Placemats are going to be out in the community by the end of March. They will have patriotic art work and military names. Other items to be included may be: information on the Headlee;

Wall of Fame information;

Information on the Art Festival to be held in June.

The Cool Cities Committee is trying to organize and prepare an event calendar for 2010 which would include any event held in Constantine. Please give this information to a member of the Cool Cities Committee.

Questions were asked to the availability of the LGI to the public, who, what, when and how does this work. We said the first step would be to contact Nancy Moore who compiles the Building Use Forms.

Kindergarten Round-Up on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Eastside, if you know of a 5 year old please have their parents call Eastside.

We are hosting the following Athletic Events:

Track Meets: Regional, KVA League and St. Joe County All Stars

Baseball and Softball: State Regional games.

Next meeting March 18, 2009, 5:30 p.m. High School media center. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Libby Owens