**PROJECT FORWARD MARTINS FERRY**

**2019 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

Minutes from May 9, 2019 meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE: Marian Klier, Chris & Lee Ann Cleary, Rev. William Webster, Rev. David Stammerjohn, Paul Stecker, Missy Yeso, Rita Randall, Bob Krajnyak, Rick Rodgers, Anthony Orsini, Dan Stephens, Katie Kendall

Ohio Valley Street Survivors: Lois Atherton and Bill Sandiford

Beverages: Chris Cleary reported that any unbroken cases of beer from Muxies can be returned. Beer will be stored in the Dairy truck in Texas Chillers. Muxie will provide signs, they do not have strawberry beers but they can do a Natural Lite strawberry lemonade or strawberry/bluberry ritas in 16 ozs cans. We will also offer Yuengling, Coors lite, Ultra and Bud Lite. Each will be sold for $4 each. In the past we have ordered 10 cases of each and will up it this year to 15 cases of each.

Bill Suto is working on having strawberry mimosas available, the Mayor will go to Amish country to pick up the wines.

The liquor license issues have been straightened out.

Inflatable rides: Electric for the rides will come from Carolina Furniture. Dan will make sure his insurance is active on that date the insurance cost is $200. Mr. Spano has agreed to only charge $10 for wristbands. Will be in front of Carolina with car show cars on the other side.

Brochure is being done covering Strawberry Festival.

Car Show: Bill Sandiford will order 75 dash plaques from Creative Images. They are trying to get a picture of Paul Baker with his truck to put on the plaques. Trophies: sponsors so far – Deluxe Toy, Grace Pres, Project Forward, Dan Stephens-State Farm, ValleyWide Ins, Elks Lodge, Mayor will check with Economy Auto and Hot Rod. The 12” trophies are $25 each and the Best of Show (Paul Baker) will be 24” – Project Forward pays for this one. We need to make sure the cars are parked correctly and close together.

Food trucks: Right now we have Ideal Provisions, Cumberland Trail Kettle Corn, Hot Bunz, Max’s Concessions, Sweet Zekes Coffee and the Lions – Betty has received one registration at this time. First Pres Church will be selling sloppy joes & strawberry floats.

Entertainment: Chris has this all set.

Pancake Breakfast: Rick Rodgers-Elks will host in their newly refurbished Lodge from 9-11:30. He will have more details later.

PR: Heidi from Channel 9 has picked up all checks from advertisers and commercial should start airing next week. Dan asked to be able to order $100 worth of yard signs and it was approved.

Porta Jons: 4 have been ordered and will be placed in front of Cooks.

Santa: Bill contacted and is scheduled for noon-3 at a cost of $300.

Strawberries: Missy suggested that a group be contacted to sell nacho type containers with fresh strawberries and chocolate to dip them in – Chris has contacted Jay Agnew’s church.

500 lbs of strawberries will be ordered from Thompson’s and be delivered to Grace Church on June 6 so they can thaw and be worked on the evening of June 7.

Cakes: 20 half sheet cakes were ordered (yellow with a thin layer of icing to prevent them drying out) from the Skyliner in Bridgeport. They will donate half. The cost is $20 each so our cost for 10 is $200. They will also be delivered on June 7 to Grace Church.

Lee Ann Cleary has offered to make the pie crusts to make strawberry pies if she can get enough volunteers to help.

Tents: It was decided to purchase a 13X20 tent in white with the Project Forward logo.

Aprons: Missy has ordered 25 red ones @$1.18 each.

Tablecloths: Missy found red checkered ones.

Tables: It was decided to order 24-25 benches from Keim Lumber in Charm this will save us from hauling so many chairs. The cost is $.85 per mile which should be about $330.

Craft/Vendor Fair: getting close to capacity on lot. 34 spaces have been reserved with 26 crafters and vendors. Some have mentioned they stayed later last year and it was pretty dark – could we have some type of lighting towards the back of the lot?? Chris will check with Cody Engleman with the Fire Dept for their lights.

Next meeting will be held at 5:30 on May 14 .