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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - Monday, November 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Meeting Held at: North Freedom Community Center - 105 N Maple St, North
Freedom, WI 53951

Members Present: President Rick Hehenberger, Vice President (VP) Dawn
Carignan, Secretary/Treasurer Dave Emery, Hayden Breunig, Nicki Breunig,
Mike Carignan, Mary Luckhardt-Klemm, Gus Robertson, Rose Vertein.

Guests Present: Lincoln & Everlee Breunig and Micala Robertson

President Hehenberger called meeting to order 6:00 PM.

1. Approval of Any Outstanding Meeting Minutes: Members reviewed and approved Minutes.
2. Remaining 2025 Event Planning
 - a. Winter Celebration - 11/29/25 6:00 PM: Have about 7-10 entries for the parade. N.Breunig looked into Baraboo Santa (Jed Crouse) and he would be willing to do parade/tree lighting. Loves doing those types of things and is willing to do it for no charge or for whatever the group determines for an amount for his time. Then going forward as parade would grow, can talk about pricing as it comes up. Motion to D.Carignan/Luckhardt-Klemm to hire Baraboo Santa (Jed Crouse). Motion carried. Motion D.Carignan/Emery to give \$100.00 for time. Motion carried. We should ask what he normally charges. Decorating the trees in Weber's lot 11/25 - 12:00 PM. Bunch of decorations that will be stored in Village Office until then. Might need extension cord(s). Vertein thinks she has some. Will look and let group borrow. If any group members have lights, bring them. Refreshments in the Community Center to follow: Everyone bring a treat or 2. Mary - 2 Coffee Urns. Carignan's - Coffee. Breunig's - Hot Cocoa.
3. Freedom Days 2026 Planning: Started Agenda topic with music discussion: President Hehenberger reached out to Gary Frisch. For 3

hours (but if a lot of people around, he may go over the 3 hours) - Alone \$250.00, 2 artists (him and another playing together) \$400.00, full band \$700.00. N.Breunig reached out to Abby Spencer. She is booked on 6/26/26. 3 hours - \$400.00 (originally \$450.00 - getting a discount). Motion D.Carignan/N.Breunig to hire Gary Frisch for 6/26/26 at \$700.00 (full-band). Motion carried. President Hehenberger will check on Gary's availability but thinks it should be fine. Discussed sponsorship levels and when due date should be. Should probably start canvassing now.

Reviewed poster dimensions as M.Carignan would like to see the top area with event information larger print, not so busy. Reviewed last year's poster from Econoprint - it was custom cut so their sheet size was 20.75 x 29.5. M.Carignan should be able to work with those dimensions. Ad submission deadline is 3/15/26 - posters will then go out 4/1/26. Then reviewed vendor market options. Put the market location in 200 block of E Walnut (stretch from Oak Street to Linn Street). Food stands and band in 100 block of E Walnut. Mini Pullers on W Walnut. N.Breunig going to reach back out to them to confirm that Saturday and 3:00 PM start time will work for them. Talk to Darrell Weiland to see if doing another Bean Bag Tourney, put that on his lot in between his buildings or on Lieder? Still waiting on confirmation for Softball Tourney. Their group can put on a concession stand and if it is going to be individuals vs not a "league", the Friends Group can apply for a Picnic License to sell fermented malt beverages down in the park. Parade stops at W Walnut St. Band in park 6:00. Look for music for Saturday. N.Breunig will see if Saturday would work for Abby - 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. 3:00 PM mini-pullers. Mandy Hunt with the NF PTA said they have a meeting this week and will reach back out to Mary for children's games. Wondering if FD will do chicken BBQ...some of their members who do the cooking have retired, maybe they will come back to cook...unsure at this point. Keep talking with Fire Chief. Wondering about Raffles. Group has to be in existence for a year. So plan could potentially be: Apply for the raffle license in May 2026. Freedom Days 6/26 & 6/27. If approved, we could do a 50/50 raffle - limited tickets and draw at the Winter Celebration.

4. Other Items: VP D.CarignanOpen bank account at Summit.

Next meeting date: Monday, January 19, 2026 (Annual Meeting) - 6:00 PM

5. Adjourn: Adjourned at 7:51 PM.