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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - Monday, January 19, 2026 - 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, Nicki Breunig, Mike Carignan

Guests Present: Cordell Lyle Royer

President Hehenberger called meeting to order 6:09 PM.

1. Approval of Any Outstanding Meeting Minutes: Members reviewed and approved Minutes.
2. 2025 Year-End Financials: Bank Statement: $3,115.75
3. Election of Officers - *Terms Begin at Next Group Meeting**
    a. President: Motion to elect Richard Hehenberger D.Carignan/M.Carignan. Motion carried.
    b. Vice President: Motion to elect Dawn Carignan Hehnberger/Breunig. Motion carried.
    c. Secretary/Treasurer: Motion to elect David Emery for combined position D.Carignan/Breunig. Motion carried.
4. Freedom Days 2026 Planning: Hehenberger lined up Softball Tourney (church league). Can use Village equipment to prep the field. Brian Scarborough (Hot Dog Stand/Bara-Brew) will run the concession stand. Planning to give 10% back to Village. Still tossing over ideas of maybe needing to move bean bag tourney off of Basketball Court but all other areas were wet last year. Breunig lined up Abby Spencer for 6/27 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Hehenberger lined up Gary Frisch 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM 6/26. Tossed around ideas of maybe needing some filler Friday night as not much going on? Cordell offered open trailer just in case (approx. 18x7) BS Depot doesn't allow stage to be reused. Wondering if Shannon willing to line up car show again? Mike Duffy? Need to talk to Shannon*. Market advertising is out. Breunig needs to share it again to keep getting word

out. Cordell suggested reaching out to: Amanda Payne (Baraboo Market), Mandy Bottles, Busy B Bakery. Look into Krueger Printing Reedsburg (for posters). Sign 20 Baraboo (Peter) Vinyl items. Advertising for food trucks. Still wondering if FD would do Chicken BBQ - Hehenberger will talk to Frank at FD Holiday Party. Parade 10:00 AM Saturday. It was noted that maybe the Churches would maybe team up for a food stand? Lutheran Church - Baked Goods. Methodist Church - Hot Dog Type. Baptist Church is going to continue to operate but not sure if they are wanting to be involved. Breunig did talk with Jewell Rockwell and she said that she would get volunteers from the Baptist Church to do things for event. Cordell noted about maybe letting High Schools, Drug Rehab Coordinator - County know about community service hours for volunteers. Flavr-Rescue food truck might be a good food truck option. Discussed with Library about their participation. Library wanting to participate in event this year - thinking mini golf course event inside of Library. Small charge to participants to try and golf. Maybe they would use a part of their Summer Library Program to build golf holes activity. Would there be a prize for kids? All part of Library Planning. Tossed around Dunk Tank idea again - Maybe Johnna Hawkins knows where one is, somewhere in the Dells has some? Chicken Bingo - Maybe a 4-H club would be interested? Skillet Creek 4-H? Parent Group at Elementary School willing to do temporary tattoo station. Small group this year but could block out a time each day. Talked about a "Duck Throw"? TNT Bounce for bounce houses. Mary Edwards - Dawn Carignan will reach out to her if interested again this year. Hehenberger - reach out to BS Depot & Old Freedom House. Silent Auction - Looking for items. M.Carignan will start looking into those items. Have on Village Board meeting to discuss use of concession stand. Cyrus - play hour or 2 on Friday night? Nicki will reach out.

   a. Tentative Schedule so far:
      Friday: Crowing of King & Queen, Food Trucks, Music
      Saturday: Parade, Market, Abby Spencer 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
      Mini-Pullers, Jana & the Junk Yard Dogs 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, fireworks

5. <u>Other Items:</u> Try again next year for Winter Celebration. Maybe next year have a "rain" date. Discussed maybe have business sponsored trees or something (i.e. decorating, etc.). Wondering about taking lights down?

Need a warm day? Maybe coordinate with Village PW?

Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 16, 2026 - 6:00 PM

6. Adjourn - 7:26 PM