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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - Monday, February 16, 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, Mary Luckhardt-Klemm, Gus Robertson, Rose Vertein, Nicki Breunig, Mike Carignan

Guests Present: None.

President Hehenberger called meeting to order 6:00 PM.

1. Approval of Any Outstanding Meeting Minutes: Members reviewed and approved Minutes.
2. Freedom Days 2026 Planning: Hehenberger talked with Jeremy Zimmerman, Old Freedom House, and he is coming up with ideas for the weekend. Noted that he would like to see the stage on the other side of the street instead of in between restaurants. Concern of power supply if moved and noise levels. Consensus of Committee to keep stage where it was. Hehenberger texted Shannon Zeman, BS Depot, in regards to car show, food truck, stage and no responses. Will continue working on it. Big discussion on concession stand and who is running it and who can get a Picnic License. Per Department of Revenue, Picnic Licenses (fermented malt beverage sales) are not issued to individuals (i.e. people), but certain entities (bonafide clubs, veteran organizations, churches, etc.). So if the Church League is a bonafide club they could be issued a license. If not, maybe the Friends Group applies for the license and is in charge of the Beer Stand. Committee is losing out of money not selling beer/food. Big problem is need bodies. Should have Brian Scarborough come to next meeting. Bean bag tourney still slated for somewhere in the park but need a dry area. Basketball court got a little warm last year. Big problem is spreading things out too much. Could be placed on Eastern end of Lieder Street. Kind of shaded. Consensus to keep it in Park. M.Carignan

talked with FD. FD may do Chicken or something to tie into the event but have not heard yet. May hear by end of month. Mary Edwards will be interested in bringing Ice Cream wagon but says needs more power. Are we looking for other food trucks? Not too many but some other options for the weekend? Get word out for Ad sales. So far have only received 2 - North Freedom Baptist Church & Four Elements. N.Breunig put out some market & parade posters around the area. Keep getting word out. G.Robertson is focusing on getting parade entries. N.Breunig mentioned it to Cyrus Pekala Music for 2 hour slot on Friday night - have not fully discussed details with him. Will do that and bring to next meeting. Pam Karg has said that she would help announce again this year. King & Queen nominations open end of April. Large discussion on bounce houses. Extra insurances would be needed. Would there be a company that would bring the units and man it or would we need to man it? N.Breunig will work on looking into it more. Found another rental option, Inflatable Express Party Rentals (920-714-8177). Maybe could use Darrell's lot to put them? There was an idea brought up about Chicken (S#!t) Bingo. Would 4-H put on something? Maybe a Dunk Tank? (N.Breunig asked Johnna Hawkins and the dunk tank that they had is long gone, maybe look at LaValle or Baraboo?) D.Carignan will reach out to Cheryl Shanks (Skillet Creek 4-H Leader). What about other games? Discussed Raffle license again. Have to be in "existinence" for a year. Can apply end of May for the license. If approved then could sell tickets during event and then do drawing later in the year. Need ideas for things on Friday night? Maybe Seafood boil? Would businesses be interested in hosting? G.Robertson brought up idea about measuring how fast a kid could throw a ball? Will work on it more. Discussed TShrits. Motion to order more shirts in Grey color Emery/D.Carignan. Motion carried 8-0.

3. Other Items: Ordered checks. There was a problem on the bank's side of things. N.Breunig looking into From 990 filing for the 2025 year. Looking into doing something for the Nation's 250th birthday or tying something into a different event for it. Maybe do another time capsule? What is history of time capsule that is in Vodak Park? Any interest for another Veteran's Day Celebration? Will discuss again. Holiday Parade/Celebration - start planning in the next coming months.
   Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 16, 2026 - 6:00 PM
4. Adjourn - 7:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicki Breunig, Presidential Assistant