

Grant Committee Meeting of Nov. 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 with Darla Rippee, Tom York, Wanda Freeman, Linda Kellogg and Doris French present.

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the scrap tire drive was made by Linda and seconded by Tom. Motion Passed.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda and seconded by Tom. Motion passed.

Mosquito control said they would do an ad for us this year for a scrap tire drive. We are going to apply for a grant next fall. We have not heard back from Gleaners about our request.

Darla said the application to Firehouse Subs is uploaded and ready to submit. We will have it in by the Dec. 12 deadline.

We have not heard from Par Plan. The grant recipients may be announced at the MTA conference in January.

Rural Development said we don't qualify for a grant for the hall because the median income of the township is too high. We can apply for a loan. We would be better off applying at a bank because interest rates would be lower. Wanda will try to get some air bottles from them.

Linda thinks Pure Michigan may have money available for fire departments so we can try there. We also discussed using fire department funds for the air bottles because of the trouble we are having getting money. Linda will check with the DNR Volunteer Fire Department Assistance to see if we can get air bottle money from them.

Linda has not reached Pure Michigan. Doris said the Midland Area Community Foundation application just needs the application number and it can be mailed .

Voting Booth is a reimbursement type grant. We tabled discussion till next month on it. HUD just has an answering machine and Dave Camp's office just gave us some sites to explore. We will try them.

Wanda will check with Members First Credit Union. They give house loans so they may have one for the hall if we decide to go with a loan. She can find out terms, interest rates, and how much of the \$800,000 we can get.

We will work on the Loans grant for the baseball diamonds.

We will set the schedule for 2014 at the Dec. meeting.

The next meeting will be Dec. 12, 2013.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda and seconded by Tom. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris French
Secretary