

Okra Strut Commission Meeting

November 6, 2023.

VMP: M. Ward, K. Snipes, S. Fulmer, L. Sherr, J. Mack, P. Hawkins

Absent: M. Robinson

NVMP: C. Dennis, Melissa Ward, M. Carpenter, J. Hendricks,

Volunteers: G. Fulmer, B. Burke, D. Cilley, J. Powell.

CTO: 1829

II. Motion made to approve minutes from September 21, 2023 by L. Sherr, 2nd S. Fulmer, approve 5-0

III. No Amendments to agenda.

IV. No presentations from citizens.

V. Finances. No updates.

VI. Discussions were held regarding the annual scholarships. The applications have already been sent to the respective schools, Irmo HS and DFHS. Choices will be done by the end of Feb or middle of March. This is done to be able to include the donors on the graduation program.

VII. a. Discussion was held regarding the entertainment for the golden anniversary strut. There were several suggestions for the Friday headliner and their respective price lines and accommodation requests. Styx was cost prohibitive at \$135,000 and with all the requests on up to \$300,000. 49 Winchester is a strong contender @\$50,000. They are touring with Luke Combs.

Saturday discussed tribute bands such as Queen who would be about \$20-30,000.

Little River Band, Blonco Brown, and other tribute bands as Bruno Mars or Shania Twain.

Discussed a 10x17 mobile wall for \$12,000, from Custom Audio.

B. proposal to hire a buyer/management agency to look for and book bands/entertainment. We would like to keep this local.

C. discussion for the 50th anniversary logo. Rentals, palmetto amusements, t-shirts, koozies and best okra recipe contest.

D. whatever we volunteer to do;be committed. We need to build each other up.

J. Mack and M. Robinson decided to step back for now.

S. Fulmer will head communication. M. Carpenter will take the parade duties. Melissa Ward will take care of the vendors, K. Snipes will do rentals. L. Sherr will take the stage duties, P.

Hawkins will assist her. M. Ward will obtain sponsors. S. Fulmer will run volunteers and food for the volunteers. Merchandising - Dawn Cilley

E. Motion by M. Ward to appoint Glenn Fulmer and Buddy Burke as non-voting commissioners, 2nd by L. Sherr. Approve 5-0.

VIII. Motion to adjourn P. Hawkins, 2nd M. Ward.

2040 meeting adjourned.

Next meeting zoom only 11/14/23.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Hawkins