

Organizations & Institutions Subcommittee

July 31, 2018 – 6:30PM – Fresh Grounds

Present: Emily Eckler, Fred Kiser, Ben Beck, Tracy Mohr, Lori Reeves & Mark Hoffacker

We need to identify, what, as organizations, we can do better.

Are there threats – if so what are they?

How do we get more involved?

The group discussed one of the threats as lack of volunteerism. This led to discussion of the service and social groups that Greenville has to offer. This includes, Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, American Legion, VFW, Moose, Knights of Columbus, Elks, Mercer Co Trail Assoc, Eagles and IHC.

We would like to bring the leaders of all these organizations together to make a joint project in Greenville.

One of the projects we discussed was the roof on the amphitheater in Riverside Park and cleaning up the park in general. Installing the roof would bring more acts to the space, since the players would know their instruments and equipment would stay dry. We would ask that all the groups work together to make the roof possible, fundraise, help build or sponsor a portion of the cost. Their logo would then be on the back wall, visible from the driving path in the park. The pavilions are in need of repair and additional seating throughout the park would be appreciated by all as well.

In addition to the service and social clubs, we could also approach the Thiel Chapter of Habitat for Humanity as well as the local high schools. Many high school students have required community service hours for graduation.

We also discussed these efforts being backed by community sponsors. Local businesses could make a donation of money, time or product and again, have their logo on the roof, bench, pavilion, etc.

Fred Kiser is setting up a meeting with Henley Hogue of Mercer to discuss the bands coming to Greenville a different night than Friday. He would also talk with Gary Beatty and Jim Tokar about donating time or resources to help with the effort.

This would extend to the local high schools, dance teams, bands, performing arts, etc.

We also talked about building a better relationship between Thiel, Thiel students and the Greenville community.

One idea is to involve the local high school students. Thiel holds a bike race during the Homecoming weekend. We would like for the Thiel cycling team to visit the schools and get the kids excited to be part of it. This would lead to a larger Greenville population being involved in the Thiel Homecoming celebration.

Better relationships between the local churches was discussed. We have compiled a list of the local ministricum, Fred and Tracy are going to work on getting in front of them, perhaps creating a meeting that all could be present to brainstorm for different ideas.

We felt that a meeting with Marty & Martha may help us in this avenue.

We also feel that organizations can stretch to the local schools. We need to gather the names of the arts, band, choir, orchestra, etc from Greenville, Reynolds, Jamestown, Commodore Perry to get a meeting with them. We feel that the amphitheater space would be able to showcase local talent and they would want to have a hand in making it happen.

The next meeting has been planned for August 14th again at Fresh Grounds. We are all to come prepared with 4 to 5 questions for a questionnaire that we will be proposing to the local organizations. This questionnaire will then be completed and presented at the 8/21 meeting.