

Community Relations and Tourism Committee

Monday, April 25, 2022

Village Hall, Arthur, IL

Called to Order- 6:30 pm

Roll Call- Jim Fleming, Christy Miller, Rod Randall. Committee Members- Sue Falk, Marsha Boyer, George Frits, and Karen Morgan.

Guests- Stephanie Wierman, Richard Harshman, Kenny Crossman, Angie Parson, and Wilmer Otto

New Business

1. Discussion on 3 applications that were presented for the Hotel/ Motel Tourism Grant Program. Rod opened discussion with a program overview. The fund has a balance of \$20,622.09. The Committee received applications from Illinois Amish Heritage Center, Arthur Area Chamber of Commerce, and Simply Arthur. Each group presented their applications and answered questions.

After a discussion the committee agreed to recommend the following for board approval: Illinois Amish Heritage Center in the amount of \$5,000, Arthur Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5,880 and Simply Arthur in the amount of \$8,888.81. The amount in the account was from two years due to Covid. Applicants were told next year's balance won't be as high. If approved, they need to turn in receipts to Erica for payment.

General discussion

Airbnb's, VRBO, and bed and breakfasts were brought to attention. With several popping up in the community the discussion was to make sure new owners/operators are informed about the guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Christina Miller  
Jim Fleming