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## PEPIN TOURISM COMMISSION MINUTES

Village of Pepin Municipal Building Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 5:15 pm

Meeting was called to order – Roll call taken by Sue – Pat, Mary, Katie and Anne all present. Denise was on zoom.

**Secretary's Report**. Secretarial minutes were reviewed and approved.

## **Approval of Invoices**. Approval was needed on the following:

Gabby's monthly invoice – Sue made a motion to pay the monthly invoice and Mary would second it. All ayes for unanimous approval. (Gabby was present on Zoom) Sue reported that Tom Cooper-Hansen had offered her several fall photos of this region to add to our photo library at \$75 each. After discussion, Anne would make a motion to accept the invoice for \$525, and Mary would second it. All ayes for unanimous approval.

The Treasurer's report – current amount \$51,000.58. No action was needed.

## Grant proposals.

- Katie gave a breakdown of the Villa's Christmas Market which would start on November 16<sup>th</sup>. She discussed the proposed marketing grant request by Villa Bellezza. After discussion, Sue made a motion to grant \$2800 to Villa Bellezza for paid social media marketing and \$2400 to host Santa & Mrs. Claus for a total of \$5200.00.
  Mary seconded the motion. Vote was called and ayes for unanimous approval.
- Denise presented a grant request for River Road Doe on the Go event to be held in area businesses in Pepin, Nelson, and Stockholm on Saturday, November 23. Anne made a motion to accept the invoice, and Mary would second the motion. All ayes for unanimous approval.

**Influencer.** Gabby discussed the details of Julia's (That Wisconsin Couple) visit to Pepin with two companions, arriving Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. The stay will be at the Riverview

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Respite. Mary will reach out to Gabby on the payment details for lodging. No action was taken.

Thankful Grateful Campaign – Discussion. No action was taken.

**Marketing Content.** Discussion on the possibility of hiring a contracted marketing representative to gather and feed content to Gabby for Destination Pepin. This was just the start of a discussion – No action was taken at this time, but further discussion to be had in the future.

**Next meeting date**. The scheduled November date is the evening before Thanksgiving so Sue will check the clerk's calendar for options and get back to the commission.

**Adjournment** – Katie made the motion to adjourn – seconded by Mary. Meeting Adjourned.