



# Board Meeting (Special)

August 27, 2021

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. via Google Meet.

Those present included: Rod Wilson, Jeremy Mahaney, Lyndsay Ulrickson, Casey Klein (Events), Christine Staley (events), Randy Schwan (Trinity), Margie Bolton, Sherry McGlaughlin

Rod Wilson introduced Randy Schwan to give a brief local health provider perspective. Randy shared the following:

- Covid numbers across the state including hospitalizations are increasing.
- Younger people are being impacted more by this variant.
- At present time, Trinity has 30 covid patients in the hospital.
- Minot vaccination rates are about 40%.
- Trinity canceled multiple events they had been working on.
- Delta variant is far more contagious than what was previously experienced.

Rod Wilson invited others to share comments.

Discussion took place on the fall festival, wine walk, adapting the events to mitigate concerns. Comments regarding the fall festival being outside and thus less concerning seemed to be commonly held. Comments on the wine walk were more reserved.

Following a general discussion:

Lyndsay Ulrickson moved to proceed with the fall festival. Jeremy Mahaney seconded. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

President Wilson moved the discussion to a more focused consideration of the Wine Walk.

Lyndsay Ulrickson moved to postpone the wine walk for the sake of discussion. Second by Jeremy Mahaney.

Discussion continued. Jeremy Mahaney offered the food provider perspective that September 5th was the critical date for placing final food orders. Lyndsay Ulrickson shared the two objectives that might be attached to the wine walk: 1) make money for the organization 2) get people into our businesses. As such, do our current circumstances meet the objective of the organization and goals for the event? She posed the question about how ticket sales have gone in the past in terms of timing before the event. Margie Bolton shared comments that past events have had people waiting to buy ticket the night of the event.



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Jeremy Mahaney shared concerns of financial loss for the organization and that the event isn't worth it given current circumstances including covid and ticket sales.

Christine Staley shared concerns that we have a responsibility to the community to act responsibly beyond the financial interests of the organization. Lyndsay Ulrickson agreed. President Wilson shared comments that we're behind on marketing.

President Wilson called roll on the motion to postpone: Lyndsay - Aye, Jason - Aye/Postpone, Casey - Aye/Postpone, Christine - Aye, Sherry - Yes, Margie - Yes, Mahaney - Yes.

Seven votes to postpone, no votes to continue, the motion carries.

Following the vote a brief discussion was held on efforts to mitigate Covid impacts for the fall festival.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.