

Inspiration Club Subcommittee Minutes
September 15, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Rea Heatherington.

Present (in person): Karis Clark, Rea Heatherington, Sheri Zarnowiec and Jaci Gentile

Present (by Zoom): Ingrid DeGreef

Absent: Kim Kelleher and Tom Norton

Resident Guests: Pam Syverson and William Scott

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Rea is working on the minutes from the August meeting.

There were no public comments.

Rea announced receiving the resignation of Holly Svetz from this committee.

Rea discussed with input from Sheri the Inspiration Metro District Board comments in regard to the requested budget to finish out the 2025 fiscal year and the budget for 2026 along with the discussion of the public art project for the Inspiration Club Building. The Board's discussion about the Public Art was moved to the November Board meeting. Since the charge of this committee was to research Public Art for the building, the committee felt it had completed its work. The Board needs to determine a budget for Public Art and how it would like to move forward. For 2025, social activities received \$40,000 in funding which did not include the completion of the Inspiration Club Building and activities upon completion. A request was made to increase the social activities budget to \$70,000 for 2026.

As of September 15th, there have been 3 private events hosted in the Inspiration Club Building. There are several more scheduled in September and October.

The Pooch Plunge on Sunday, September 14th went well.

Upcoming Events:

Jaci discussed the plans for STEM Day on Saturday, September 27th. There is a need for additional volunteers to help at each of the 12 activity stations. There will be a prize awarded to the first 100 students that complete all 12 stations.

Karis said that 4 entries have already been received for the Fall Coloring Contest on October 1st.

Karis asked about hosting the Fall Fest on October 4th at Pathfinder Park. The committee felt this would be a good location. There will be prizes awarded for the top 3 contestants in the Chili Cook Off (trophies) and a mug for the top Home Brewer. This day also includes pumpkin decorating and carriage rides.

Karis presented a new idea for the community children and use of the Inspiration Club Building. It is called KidStage (www.kidstage.net). This program occurs in other communities like Inspiration and in school districts. It is an 8-week program occurring on weeknights. The program would be at a zero cost to the district and would bring in rental revenue. The cost of the program would come from the participants directly to KidStage. Karis will investigate the cost to families.

Discussion was held on the report for this committee for the October 14th Inspiration Metro District Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jaci Gentile.