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Montgomery Town Library: All right, it is recording. I believe you. So any changes? I must place an invoice. Um, see here. So, can you just review the agenda because I'm having a hard time finding it. Yep. Um, so just action uh first thing the changes to the agenda. Then there's action or sorry auction fundraiser and then under that I had a couple bullet points for music poster auction name food and then we adjourn. Um, that sounds about right I guess. Yeah, it's on the same thread that you were emailing on. Yes, it is. I can uh I can forward it. No, you don't have to. It's like that's all I wanted to know is just to make sure the So, call the order. Yeah, it's already been called to order. Okay. So, maybe we should add discussing the um seating option. Oh, yeah.

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Montgomery Town Library: Seating. If that doesn't fall into one of those previous Where would you would when do you want to add that in around the food? So, after food, I'm going to put seating. And maybe maybe before food. Before food. Yep. Yeah. Maybe add website. Oh yeah, please. Thank you. Website. Uh website update. Library. Website. Can I put that at top? Library. Website update. Anything else? No. All right. So, cool. All right. So, let's get started with the library website update then. Y. So, we've noticed that the library website is out of date. It should be updated. And it should be updated. What uh what specifically? The Well, the trustees haven't been updated. Oh, for at least two years.

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Montgomery Town Library: At least two years. And um there's nothing on the calendar. If you click on calendar, if you go down underneath something, I found everything that's going on, but it's not under on the calendar. It's just blank. Identify who is managing it. Yeah, I need to I can I can look into that and I talk to Marlene about that. That'd be

fantastic. I can I'm sure I can figure out how to update it. She doesn't have somebody already. Yeah, it's actually on the homepage. There's a bunch of stuff listed, but it's not What's in the gallery? I didn't look at that. Oh, pictures of people. Those are nice. We could also have a page about the auction. I think that's a really good idea. It maybe behooves us just approaching Marlene about updates right now because I think it does live under her umbrella. So that's what I was and if she doesn't know how to I can help her with that if she doesn't have somebody.

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Montgomery Town Library: Awesome. That's great. Oh, I just thought of one more thing. Email to past patrons. Can we add that to the agenda? Yep. I'm going to put that down at the at the bottom. That's fine. These are some good pictures from the past. I think we need to add our one of those. That would be okay. So, we need to up the trustees. the calendar. Was there any other specific things down here that you wanted to that you noticed needed to be updated? Maybe adding a page for the adding auction page with buttons for the raffle. Like it would be nice to have it feeding straight into our online auction. Clicking home. I will click home. Look at that. I got my cursor. Yeah, because I had I noticed it when I had to go fill in information for the Pascal application.

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Montgomery Town Library: And Nicole, have you sent me You may have since I couldn't find the agenda. The uh No, I didn't get a chance to send you those the the letterhead. Yeah, I need to get I will get that. I really need that. Y adding a like donation button. That's a really good idea, too. That's a nice little book. Cross your screen. Um, it's my old whistle pig one. Oh, cool. It's branded Whistle Pig, but then I left them. So, my wife took it and just drew perfect. She did a nice job. Yeah, she did. So, uh, there's nothing else for the library website update that you guys need added. I've got the trustees adding the auction page which including a a link to bid online for the online options and then the calendar that sounds like and donations. Yeah, that was the auction page for donations.

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Montgomery Town Library: Oh, it's like independent just like year round goes like we could use the very QR code and a donation letter. Yes. Yes. Sorry, I spot. But yes, I do have that. Perfect. So, and connect with Marlene and offer Chris's services. Those notes were so impressive. I couldn't believe it. AI taken all our jobs. I don't care. They can have it. They did a good job. I know. When they come clean my toilet, then we'll all need two copies. One so I could write on. It's funny. been using AI for notes for different boards and like over the last two years the degree to which it's changed. One of the biggest challenges is when people speak it'll for example when it records my computer says Daniel says everything. So full conversation says Daniel said this and then Daniel responded to this and then Daniel said this like wow Daniel's busy and now it's getting a lot better where um it's starting to identify like if I call Carmen out it'll know that voice is Carmen. So then when it has the notes it'll be like and then Carmen responded to that. It doesn't know it's you. just knows that like in the notes that the person named Carmen. It's not Okay. I was going to say, can it like like if you say like Carmen and then Carmen responds, does it like burn her voice? Because America.

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Montgomery Town Library: ever and be like, "What should we do?" So, is really good. Yeah. I go to um Sequist in Morrisville and they like, "We can't even see you." Try Loyal Valley because I've heard they're really good with uh emergencies and they're relatively close. At this hour of the day, it's like almost better to go there. Oh, of course. Because they'll turn you away at 5 and then probably Bev does have an e notal is open late. Yeah,

they they are. And they have an emergency service, too. They've been really I don't usually go to them, but they have been really responsive learning how to. Yeah, they do staff after. We're back in action, though. Now, we're back. All right. So, on to the music. We had gotten some. I Cindy Seuin has Cindy Cindy Cindy Weed. Thank you, has confirmed she's gonna It's either she hadn't met with a fourth musician yet.

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Montgomery Town Library: If it's four, it's going to be 325. If it's three, it's going to be 250. The three are definitely confirmed. Beautiful for six to nine. Cool. So, so that's good. And that's Well, maybe we can wait till the auction, but I was wondering if maybe we should mention her name. Absolutely. Because she Yeah. So, maybe even have a little photograph or something of them like I don't know if there's room in there, but if there is, but anyway, add to the notes for Shaya because I didn't I don't think I mentioned this because I'd already sent her two emails and I figured I'll just wait and talk about it here. But I really think that she might have like a name. It's Missiscocoy River band. She said to call it that way it'll cover it if it's three or four. Okay. Thank you. Or you can do you can just send that to her.

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Montgomery Town Library: Oh, that's a good idea. Let's just mark one up. That's a good idea. That's my That's my proposal. one up and work on that some more when we get that on the agenda. Are we there yet? Uh that's next up like a little thing for the um I know you had talked to Ian and he had talked to Hans. He ran into Hans and was like super excited about the stuff. Not uh the specifically the auction just like he seemed super on board to do music for the library. That's what I was Yeah. Yeah. I think that would be a good idea. Mhm. But even if he didn't want to do it for even if we didn't use him at all for now, I'm just saying like he does reference. Yeah. As did Eric Ho. He was glad we got So, are you going to confirm with those guys about Birwood?

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Montgomery Town Library: One or the other? I'm going to leave that in Nicole's hands.

You want me to read that? You seem closer to Ian and I didn't say we had this one event. I was like, we've been talking about music event. So, it wasn't I want to touch base with you on that. Make sure you situations we got. Okay, so that'll be good to just have in our back pocket. All right, let's ask Cindy if she has a visual to add to this. I can email her. She gets right back to I mean texting. she gets right back to texting because I also suggested that she touch base with Darren to make sure he's got whatever hookup she needs for the band because she asked me about that and I said I think he does but to confirm you probably should and she said she would and I suggested she do it before May 12th because I don't know exactly when they're leaving.

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Montgomery Town Library: Okay, cool. So, um that's the music. Is there anything other than adding the music to the poster that we need? Oh, no. need other things for the poster. Where it says bars, we said barn because barn and garden. Barnard and garden. B A R N. And there's two places. There's one, one there and there. Yep. Okay. And then the other thing is for the live music piece to specifically mention the Missisco Rubber Band, which will probably come. Yeah. And um under the signature drinks and cash bar um I found the the description underneath a little um confusing. Sip complimentary wine and specialty cocktails for purchase. So I just would flip that around a little bit. Sip complimentary wine or purchase or andor. And or purchase special. Yeah, I think or purchase. Yeah. and or I think or I think if you say and or it's going to be confusing just do it fine because it's either get complimentary wine or buy you could do both but there's no there's nothing there that says you can't have both I didn't find it confusing but what I wonder is does it make sense of the complimentary wine with the dinner so it says a topos dinner with complimentary wine and then signature cocktail I like that so it's a specialty cocktail like a whole new feature I like that best.

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Montgomery Town Library: But um Okay, that that works. Are we doing separate tickets for dinner still? No, I don't. I figured that out. We didn't talk. I thought about that a lot. I do not want to be a policeman at the auction telling people you can't sit here. You can't sit there. It like that would ruin the vibe. That would impact the vibe for sure. We were waiting to see if Marlene had um I asked her yesterday. Tusca didn't get back to I spoke

to her too. She said that Tusca has not responded yet about the top of Yeah. payment or not. Oh, the payment or not. Okay. Because that's pretty much a thing. But either way, I think if we're offering this food, whether we provide it or Costco does or however we do it, \$30 admission pre-sale 25. Does that make sense?

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Montgomery Town Library: Okay. Because that's sort of how the pro is doing it. I'm trying to think, right? and which made me feel better about the \$30 because I can't remember if Tusca's doing that or if Lily is, but either way, there's a lot of food at the prom and it's included in the admission, which is \$30 or 25 pre-sale. Is that what it is? Y, have you looked at the QR code, whatever QR code, but I couldn't do anything because it kept everywhere I checked that it says you do not have internet service here. So, sounds no problem. I think we should take out support our library, support our community from the top. There's so much text on here and we say support down here. There's a lot of like bids for support. So, so just cross that out. Cross that out. Okay. Join us for summer evening grapefruit drinks community and support. I like everything except there were just a few tweaks like the bar and then there was something else.

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Montgomery Town Library: Live music. Oh yeah, I wanted to mention Cindy's name and obviously the this had to be fixed because it was instead of enjoy tapa style bites and social access. I didn't get the social access. So it say um enjoy a tapa style um we could put complimentary wine there too. Y and complimentary wine dinner curated by local chefs. We don't know that yet though. We've got to get these done. How about a curated tapus dinner with I would say \$20 admission includes curated 30s 25 includes curated Yeah. Papa's dinner with compliment wine and end the subject. That's good because Yeah. Includes curated tapas style dinner. Curated. That's we all agree on. Are we saying curated or like a curated dinner versus style bites? I I'm hesitant to even say the word dinner. I want to say, how about curated tacos with complimentary wine? Hold on.

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Montgomery Town Library: The reason we're pitching it as a dinner is because people leave for dinner. Exactly. So that's like a whole thing we've been talking about because if it says bites, I would think I might think I might go. And I like how it's worded here by local friends and chefs. That covers it might be I because bottom line is we need to get these finished because I need to send this to the corporate people. Okay. So, \$30 admission includes curated top of Skinner and complimentary wine is going to be what this button is. Okay. So, do you have that verbiage? I think she does. She's writing there. Okay. \$30 admission. Do you want to say \$2530 at the door or do you want to say 25 pre-sale or do you want to say \$30 25 pre-sale? Because it seems How do they have it on the prom? because it's pretty clear on this.

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Montgomery Town Library: Yeah, that's a good idea. It's \$25. \$30 at the door. They checking the prom. \$30 includes tapas dinners and and lined tapa style bites is how I think we leave it like that. We're not going to I know you don't like that makes it seem like a like it's not a full meal even get dinner because you got a whole section down there about the top of dinner. So maybe you just maybe the upper part just needs to say topless dinner and then they want to know the details then it explains we don't need a whole bunch. Yeah, I think we just say tapas up there and stuff and the tapus and complimentary wine and wine. Okay. And theoretically, we forfeit some corner of this for a picture of the band. Yeah, if it could if she can fit that in. I see. Cindy must have something. I just don't know if it'll fit on all of this.

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Montgomery Town Library: But maybe it will. Um the way that it said here, doors opens at 8, music at 9:00, limited tickets at door 35, advanced tickets online 30. So that's not that tidy. Um okay, but start. It could be like \$30 admissions, \$25 um or \$30 at the door, 25 in advance. Okay. Includes We're stuffing a lot of stuff on this little Well, she she can probably condense it. She's pretty smart. And then and that's admission. Um, and then includes tapas, w dinner, and wine. We don't have to say complimentary because we're saying it's included. You're right. You're right. Yep. I think like driving home, but free

booze. Free booze is like a selling point. I want to definitely reiterate that since it's getting especially since we are more expensive. Yeah. I feel like the free booze has always been a pretty big goal, too.

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Montgomery Town Library: So, and now we have music. Music's gonna bring I think people there. Yeah. Yeah. And are we still on the poster? Because we don't have to put what I'm going to say on the poster. Yeah, we're still poster. I got Yeah, we're still on the poster. Um, so the silent and raffle auction. We're not auctioning a ra. I mean, I don't understand raffle auction. I think those are two. It's all it should be raffle and silent auction instead of silent and live auction also a raffle silent no silent and live auction and rap and raffles is separate right that's what I'm silent auction yeah silent and live auction plus raffle or something or some items raffle something I don't know how to do that but would raffle and silent auction cover it yeah it could because even if People are confused. A raffle auction is like or you could say raffle, I don't know.

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Montgomery Town Library: Raffle and auction and then just not specify and auction. Yeah, we can do that. Okay. I think at some somewhere in there you have to have silence so they know we're still going to do that. Otherwise, they're going to expect someone to be there the whole time. How about raffle and then silent line auction? Yep. Doesn't need to be live. can just be raffle and silent auction. Yeah, we could and then throw in the live auction there. We always have a live auction and we specified the time on it. It's not it's not all silent. I mean it could be I mean it could also be a separate like you could divide it into I mean limited real estate. Right. Right. It could be like different bullets. You could do like that's what I was silent auction live auction towers green up bags. Oh, there's a bunch.

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Montgomery Town Library: Okay, we're talking auction. Auction. We're looking for our donors. Seriously, contact I'll get a form for you and then they'll they'll donate. Thank

you. That's easier than me going on. Yeah. So, yep. That would be awesome. Take as many as you like. You grab a roll with surplus. Yeah, there's a ton of I don't you take you got to fill entirely. So, uh I do. That's probably enough. I think I have some that I got at work, too. So, yeah. Seriously, Carmen, just I'll try to either get you a form or if you just shoot them directly. Yeah, I will. Thank you. All right. Definitely. What a nice day, though, huh? I'm greening up today because tomorrow on 118, they actually greened up already. There's bags all along going.

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Montgomery Town Library: Yeah, I noticed that. It's amazing how many tires all of a sudden start showing up, though. Sure, there weren't that many tires down there. I didn't see any tires, but that is ironic. Yep. All right. Thanks. Sorry to interrupt your meeting. Have a nice afternoon. All right, there's still back to this. So, I think we need to go silent silent and live auction and then RA plus raffle of specialty items or something like that. Just do three bullets. Raffle, silent auction, live auction. Okay. But I prefer that the raff will come last because it's not the focus. Okay. Hi. Not a big deal. I don't care. And then we're hopefully Mimi says that's our new target for live auction. Great. Yeah. Brent says no. Hard no.

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Montgomery Town Library: I ran into him at the post office and I asked him if anybody had asked him and he said no. And I said well I said would you be interested? He said nope. Okay. No. He says I've been asked before. Okay. Mimi has a busy summer schedule. I know she's gonna be We got to get find out early. We can go back. We can circle back and ask Kyle, too. Absolutely. Do you think Ian would do that? I don't know if he's Oh, what? Ian, I don't know if he has the sort of like um the loud you you want like a a loud person that's going to be like is that the best you can do? Yeah. I don't know if he's comfortable like carving more money out of someone kind of neg people a little bit. And no one is Mimi is certainly persistent.

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Montgomery Town Library: I think she would be really good if she's available because like Carmen said she's busy. Let's Well, it sounds like that's Let's ask Steve Wright. That'd be amazing. Are you going to get on this? Somebody said we should be included. Yeah, I've already What did we do last year for the live auction time? The live auction times last year? What time did it start? It was supposed to be 7:45. It started at seven and that's why it was a muckup. Oh, okay. So, what should we say? It starts at if we want to keep people there 8:15. Yeah. 8:15. Okay. And it'll be easy for Cindy to be like, "And now someone's coming up to Absolutely." And she'll do that. Yeah. Hopefully that will keep people. Is that it? Well, it starts at 8:15.

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Montgomery Town Library: Yeah. Until it's over at 9:15. The whole thing is over at 9. Okay. So, you just have to put the start time so people know if they want to stay at the live auction, they have to stay until 8:15. Is that too late? Do other people think it's too late? No, I think it was so early last year. It was too That was the earliest ever, but it was in some kind of miscommunication. All of a sudden, tables are being closed. Yeah. And uh I think I I think it was probably just because people were leaving. No, they had Breita came and told me she said people are upset because they're just getting here are closed. It was an issue. Okay. I think I think 8:15 is fine. Okay. Personally. All right. I mean, if it ends up if there's something people really want.

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Montgomery Town Library: I was gonna say if it ends up being that we end up having like a ton of things to auction and we think it's going to take longer, then maybe we can bump it up a little bit, but not a lot. No. And you wouldn't start with like the the big ticket, big big items maybe. But Yep. It was a little play by ear for nonsear unless anyone opposes. I'd like to approach all the local restaurants to see, especially places that have cocktail menus and see if they would be interested in um like that week running a library cocktail or where a dollar from each cocktail goes to. So like we could be a belt free special in it might be worth it to reach out to like people that are closed in the summer too like maybe like a lot of those folks they're open a little bit. Yeah. But they're not like

as busy as they are during the the winter and stuff like that. But yeah, and again, it doesn't cost them any minute.

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Montgomery Town Library: They just tack a dollar onto their car cost. Y and then Yeah, because that worked out one year with the end, right? A couple hundred, wasn't it? Or I don't know. It was like at least over \$100. Well, the end especially being right next door. So, are you going to approach the the owners about that? Yeah. Yeah, I can take that. No problem. So, we've got the the so live music um piece is gonna we're gonna see if we can get we're going to get um uh just the the band's name in there. And then um we'll see if she can put a photo somewhere either there or or elsewhere on the on the flyer. And then the signature drinks and cash bar. You want to leave that uh do you want to leave the complimentary wine in there or you want to take it? Okay. And so I would start it with specialty cocktails.

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Montgomery Town Library: Um just specialty cocktails in our beautiful garden setting. Okay. I'll have to redo this because it's getting so messy I can't Okay. Anything? um else with the with the um online bidding and do you want to also say that they can purchase tickets through this link or we don't know that they can yet? So, how are they going to buy tickets? I don't know. Well, the online bidding starts there, but how are they going to buy tickets in advance? Does this QR code lead to our website? I do not know what that QR code does. So, why don't we just solution? a page um to the website um and then that's where the QR code will go and then that page could literally just be um bid early and um buy tickets kind of thing. So it's going to be a landing page and then from there they can click through. That's a good idea.

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Montgomery Town Library: She said the QR code, but for me to send stuff to corporates, I don't think I need the QR code to be perfect yet. Corporates like Flower, Costco, I sent their form in without this, but I'm expecting they're going to ask me for

some proof. Ben and Jerry's Ben and Jerry's. Yeah. So, we should say something else here when pointing to the QR code that says buy your tickets. Literally, buy tickets and then we'll have it all flush right into that one QR code. Go to the website. Website will redirect you. I would take all that text out and just have um um bid early and buy tickets as just two calls to action. You don't want too many words. They'll if they go to before June 5th, the landing page will say you can bid starting June 5th. So I would That's perfect. Yeah. How are we doing the early bidding? We don't know.

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Montgomery Town Library: We don't even have donations yet. So that's up in the air. Yeah. Um I was wrong. I looked into it. The um website that I thought was for raffle ticket purchasing was a random number generator. Somebody in our group just had an Excel spreadsheet and that's how they were teaching. So, it was a very manual project, labor intensive. Yes. Well, I guess not if you know what you're doing, what they sell, but Yeah. I mean, it's easy if someone says, "Buy, you know, I want 10 tickets." Then you just Yeah. But um Yes. I mean, I think that getting a Venmo would solve a lot of problems. Yeah. If uh if the library has a Venmo, I noticed that there was I was looking a little bit Does the money Who donates the money to the library? So when Darren takes it, do they write it to the library or to the friends and the friends donates it?

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Montgomery Town Library: Wait, wait, say that again. What are the mechanics of the money getting into our account? It depends on who's donating. If they want that, what do they call it? 501.3 or whatever it's called. If they want that, we have to go through friends. Not everybody requests that. So most of any donations, check donations that I got last year from people who wanted to just give towards the auction. Sharon Perry comes to mind, I just gave it to Liz because I asked her how to do that. Okay. And she line items it for the auction. Great. Great. And that's a it I think all the money goes through the town clerk or Aaron. I'll set up a Venmo for the town or for um I'll talk to Liz about a Venmo. Yeah. Because we don't even have a credit card. I still have to pay tax on anything that I buy because even at Costco because they have a special card, but not just anybody can use it.

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Montgomery Town Library: Like they I would have to have it to go there and buy it with that. That's where the friends would come in because 501c3s don't have to pay tax on purchases. No. Is the library not a 501? No, the friends are right. So, we also should be taxing them because we're but not officially. When the um letter goes out to asking for donations, doesn't it say it's 50 ones received? Yeah, but I figured that there's some way that the friends but no, because there's a different there's a different begging letter for the friends than there is for us. I'm talking about the letter that comes Cindy. In the past, we have had for anybody who wanted that designation, we had to go through the friends and then they the money was sent to them and then Pat gave it to us. So, what I'm saying is the letter that we got from the library asking for money said it was a tax deduct that was from Carmen and she but historically we've always said that.

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Montgomery Town Library: We have always said that tax that wasn't like a new addition. Technically, we're not because we I don't know how you get that, but we don't have it at the library. There must be a way we could get it, but I don't know how that works. Well, I know Esther and Ma sat with me in the process of writing that letter and nobody flag they didn't blame. So, I feel like historically people were like, I've always used this as a text. I'm sure that people they use their thank you cards and what we write on them if they have to have evidence if they get audited if they declare it. And you're right, we're think I think it is that we're tax ex I I mean I don't know 100% but I I think that we're tax exempt because we're municipal organization, but we're not a 501. Correct. So, we don't qualify for like a um like a waved credit consider on the the donor list that I've shared with everybody at the way bottom there is that whatever those numbers are because I had to use them for the Pascal application.

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Montgomery Town Library: Where did that go? I put it on the donor list early on because I knew I would never remember them and ironically they were on this form like we need

these numbers. All right. Where are they? Oh, here it is. Tax ID number. And then it says 03-6000575. That's for the Montgomery Town Library. And that's our tax ID. I don't know what that means. And then Ein N is something else. The Friends of the Library is the Friends of the Library with a different number. Yeah. Yep. So, I use those two numbers and we'll see what happens. Let's not get bogged down in this one, though. No, let's keep moving. I agree. So, are we done? I I would just like to keep the not complicate the uh poster too much with too many words.

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Montgomery Town Library: You know, the changes we've made should be relatively easy. Change bar to barn. Uh get rid of the sip complimentary wine under signature drinks because that is misleading. Plop it over under top of center. change the admission price and have something in there about pre-by \$25 or however you want to say it. And then what did you say on the bottom for the cur online bidding? Somebody said something had the change. I was going to say it was um a bid early as well as um by purchase tickets. Yeah, those two lines are enough right there. I think that's plenty. And then I will see if Cindy has something teeny that she can send this um or maybe we replace something. And you told me where to get the QR code last year. It was bitly maybe. Uh yeah, there's a lot there's I mean there's a bunch of places where you can This isn't a real photo.

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Montgomery Town Library: So we'll just get it attached to our website. Yeah. That means we need we need to get the website updated before we code. That's a good Absolutely. And Cindy, we we need to get these done as soon as possible, right? Yeah. Okay. So, we can't like make her have to start over with things. No, we're Yeah, we're just simplifying mortgage. But the QR code thing will slow us down. So, if we can make If you want a QR code on it, then that's going to have to I mean, we can have I mean, if you want to post something right away, we could do one. You could do a version that doesn't have the QR code and then add or you could even do it later. You could even have different post closer to the time. You could have different post. You have a poster that has a big picture of Cindy Weed and you know the focus on music or whatever.

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Montgomery Town Library: Especially digital you can push whatever you want. Yeah. Yeah. So anyway, Chris, I I don't care if the QR code is up to date for what I need right now. It's just to send it to these organizations. I doubt if they're going to go in there and make sure there's something there. Maybe they will. Who knows? I'll find out. I would if you said I'd say you would. Yes, indeed. But I don't think everybody would. I wouldn't. But you're not you're not gonna Jerry's and you're not. That's true. So, but they're busy and if we There's a very comprehensive film um form that I had to figure out. It took me an hour this morning. So, maybe I know Marlene's out this weekend, but maybe we can find a moment to website. Yeah. In the near future, we can do that.

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Montgomery Town Library: And I think if we can at least just get a just get a page up, even if it says coming soon auction details. Yeah. Then the the QR code can generated. The QR code can get generated and it'll point to there and then we can put all the stuff on the website. That'll already be more than what we have now because there's a lot of old information there. Yeah. And apparently nobody's complaining. Anything else for I think we're good. So if I have I'll show you online. All right. So we're done with the poster. Then up next is the auction name. Unless we are good with stacks and sticks. I'm happy to stack and stick like this. Bid sip support your library. That's a great look. Cool. So we're happy with the name and we'll move on. Kayen told me that she when they came back the AI came back with that.

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Montgomery Town Library: She said I reached out to them and she said what does stacks mean? And they they said stacks of books. Yeah. It could be a fun decor piece also is if we do have books stacked up if we have like um all books for donations. Excellent point. Yeah, I've got all the library the the auction or not the the the summer sale sale books in my basement, too. So, yeah, bring them up. Yeah, line them up. Um, so we got the name uh seating is up next. Oh, right. How many people I guess it's moot

now, but how many people how many tables did you have? I have a pretty sure I have up to 20. So, I have more than 20 round tables. And how many people fit at a table? Um, eight is a comfortable number. If you don't like the people six and if you really like the people 10 and like six to 10 is the online range like this.

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Montgomery Town Library: Do you remember what their chairs are at the end? They're not that pretty standard chairs. Are these these are five foot rounds? Are they seated chairs or are they more like standing? No, they're kind of like that. Actually, the town hall has has rooms of those metal chairs. Well, and Lynn told us not to bring chairs. She said she had chairs in a bus. Also they do have in the past we just had them left them stacked and push them out of the way is just renting from tent company because I'm pretty sure it's like two or three bucks like it's much more affordable and be like a pretty ones that like suck in at the bottom. Perfect. Are you talking about the hus that sounds much better than sewing them? Yeah. Forget it. Yeah. and all that stuff. So, uh I'll look into the Vermont's tent for that.

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Montgomery Town Library: All right. And then is there anything other than that with seating you wanted to talk about or is that coming? No, that was just like that was when we were maybe going to charge a separate price, but that would be I think think a really wrong idea. I agree. We only there's not that many of us and I don't want to tell people you can't sit there, you know, that's just negative vibe. Yeah. We won't over complicate it. And when we're there meeting with the new um for the summer, we can look at the space visually and ask ourselves how many 20 tables back there. We can try and do a head count, see how that would work. We should also put on the list. We wouldn't be putting 20. No, it wouldn't be 20, but like however many we can. Yeah. Yeah. To see like visually like how much we can actually pull off.

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Montgomery Town Library: Instead of asking Darren, we can just do this right here.

Right now technology ask I have to do is find swung. That's that is this space here. Are you on Google Maps? I am. And then there's a measure distance function. Well, that's very cool. So I would say like roughly it's hard to see because so that's 43 feet and then probably 20 feet wide. It's not particular maybe 25 ft wide. It's not a huge area because we've extended tables out there in the past for auction items when we had a lot of auction items but it's not a huge area. Some people might want a little room for dancing or whatnot, but that's the perfect place for spillover. Have the van there on the back of the spot. Yeah. Is that covered in case it rains? It's not. Yeah, because Cindy did ask me about that. If we had a backup where they could be, and I said, "We're hoping for not rain, but if we do, we'll just have to figure out where to put them." We'd probably set up a tent.

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Montgomery Town Library: Yeah. And that's another thing we can visualize next week when we're in this space. Yes. We can take a walk out there. Next up is food. And that was mostly we were waiting to hear if uh would take take the lead. We have not. So I wish tomorrow morning at the nurs um so I can talk to her then. If she's a no-go, let me know and I'll see if I have other folks. Well, we were Joey's name was thrown out, too. Right. I was gonna say it probably wouldn't be much help for the actual cooking, but I do know like my dad has a restaurant that I can talk to his chef with about, but I don't think we could do much for actually making stuff since he's down in Florida, but at least he has a nice kitchen. It's not huge, but it's, you know, it's adequate. How do they do their their dinners or wedding dinners?

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Montgomery Town Library: Do they prepare or is it are they catered? I mean, it probably depends on the wedding. Yeah, certain people probably want to bring in their own. Well, we can ask them. And that's a reality, too. Like maybe the inkeepers are like we are great chefs like we would head up this nomine that's we don't know that yet because we could be bypassing them and skipping a real resource. But if Tusca says yes, then it's nice to know that we have a reliable go and she can she can coordinate with the local restaurants and stuff too and we can always help with you know encourage them them to donate. Mhm. Oh, I don't know where we're at with the agenda. I don't want to jump in

kind of at the end. The last thing is to email the patron. Okay. Uh before that, um I just wanted to confirm Marsha said she definitely will help.

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Montgomery Town Library: I saw her and Patty Pearl and Elsie have both agreed to do the door. Okay. And what who else? Oh, and Liliana wants to help set up. Set up. Oh, so she will be here. Yeah, that's great. Yeah, she is. They're not leaving, I guess, until after. That's why Patty's here, too. When I um requested Liliana's help, I was thinking more of like a gift card, right? So, she didn't feel pressure to physically be there, but it's great if she said she wants to be there. No, this is Lia's daughter. Oh, that's another thing. Leia volunteered to help bartender. That's perfect of all our bartenders. The uh email needs to be corrected. Oh, it's not mgomery space trustees. library atgmail. I'm pretty sure it's mary. Let me pull it. actually got in there this morning.

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Montgomery Town Library: I was all excited. I'm so glad we have all these editors. I didn't either. I mean, I noticed the bar right away because I'm like, what? And then I realized she just left off an end. Oh, here I am up there library. What does it say? Google montgomery.trusties.libgmail.com. That's what it says. So, how is that wrong? Um, that doesn't have the dot space. Okay. I did it right when I did the Costco thing this morning because I did it right off this montgomery. Gmail. Yeah. Oh, yeah. So, that would have to be fixed. Good catch. I did not see that. And the Facebook thing, are we leaving that? Follow us for auction previews and updates. I think that's fine as long I think it look fines as long as it's there.

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Montgomery Town Library: Yeah. Yep. There anything else that you need to the last thing? Yeah, the last thing is the emails. Yep. To um Rita and whoever else was at the door. I guess it was Elsie mentioned that a lot of people commented and not having heard about the auction at all till the last minute. So, she suggested since we already have their emails with the sign-in book that maybe somebody like Amy or somebody

who's volunteering here might have time to send emails just letting people know when the auction is. Yeah. Attaching attaching. You have the uh sign in sheet with emails. I think I have that basement and I can just get that and make them if I can get them in. I was going to say once I get them into a thing, I can just send out a mass email. I don't Okay. So, but that's a smart deal. If you take a picture of it and just upload it to like, it would immediately approve.

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Montgomery Town Library: That's great. Just come over and tell me how to do this. Yeah. And I did email the friend's email yesterday, but I don't know who reads it when Pat's not here. And uh I asked uh Marlene to message Esther about um getting me a copy of the friend's letter head because Rita said that's how she used to do it. She borrowed their but she said she doesn't have it anymore. She said I got rid of it and she said I gave it to someone. I don't know who it wasn't me but um so I can send out those requests to the people who want that 501.3 um that it comes on their letterhead. It's going to be useful again. Sure. I feel like it's right here. If there's a way for you to just like it the letter head, you know, you could almost like I tried to the emblem that you sent me. I tried to put that on a Google doc and I got the picture on and this is the friend's one.

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Montgomery Town Library: This is an Oh, this is okay. That will work for sending it to them, but I need they definitely specifically said requests need to be made on letterhead letterhead. That makes sense. He'll need the PDF to do that. So, and I Well, maybe if you just want the PDF of the logo, you can put that I have I'll show you what I did and it's like it didn't I took a screenshot of it and I put it on something here. Where' it go? I've got the sun. This is the helping file open. Not that. Yeah, I have I couldn't get the the words under it. I could do it because if I did the whole thing, it had this black mark around it. It looked weird. And when I screenshot the whole thing, this isn't a screenshot. This is a PDF. I know. I did it off the PDF.

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Montgomery Town Library: And see, I didn't format anything. I sent it to the printer like this. Exactly. Format. They could do it. Yeah. Maybe you could reach out to the printer and say, "Can you send Hey, can I have a copy of it?" Oh, here it is right here. You just need a letterhead. I need Yeah. See, I was able to do that, but then the I had to do the wording separately or there's a big gray box around the whole thing. Go here to insert. Oh, you should have something. Insert image. It would be a header. Oh, there's a header. Where is that? Is it under edit? I could find that. So, headers and footers right there. So, once you click that Oh, and then underneath it, I could hand type in the Montgomery Town Library.

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Montgomery Town Library: Now, yeah, that's a header. You just double click there and you can like drag it up. Oh, if you have this control, the one that you had. Yes, it was just a logo that I had. No, it's not going to center unless you center it up there. But right here, click on that arrow. And now the center. Yeah, I guess you have to highlight it. Yeah, I've been having the hardest time getting that one to format properly. I also have one that says AI instead of PDF at the end. I can I can I can get this I can do this for you guys. You will? Thank you. I thought I've been working on it right now. Well, yeah, I'm working on it right now. I've just been having trouble getting the For whatever reason the like the image that I have from Jen won't like go on to the word.

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Montgomery Town Library: Oh, see I got the image out of the words. So Oh, well once I get the I just have to change the like whatever it is down. It's downloaded as a PDF. I don't know why it's not uploaded. The other one she sent me. I don't know if it was uh disappear, but well, so they look the exact same, but maybe you can format this one easier. I don't I'm just going to take a screen grab I think is Thank you. Put it on that way. I will share with Nicole and Daniel this beginning thing I have and maybe they can if this helps at all. I don't know if it will be sound, but the way I got that was just to take a screenshot of what Carmen sent me. But for the emails, are we set with that? like you're going to find that the that I know I put it I think I put it in the bid sheet box when I after I

alphabetized them and returned them to Yeah, I can get that and I'll I'll get that up and I'll send um I'll get the I'm going to just get it into a big list and then once we have the that Yeah, if that doesn't take too much time and it sounds like this.

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Montgomery Town Library: Yeah, but if it works with the AI, that'll take no time. If not, it shouldn't take me that long. I just I might want to double check the AI. So, but reading trying to read people's writing, I think it'd be a pain. I think the AI is not better at it. I've tried to I've tried to use the AI to read handwriting that I can't read and it's not any better than me. So, do we feel like we're wrapping things up? Yes, I think so. I just wonder if we can go around just to clarify like action items. The next meeting is going to be at the Phineas Swan next Friday for whomever can attend to just check in with them. for the new inkeepers. That's the main thing is to meet them and to fill them in. On my calendar, it says our meeting next Wednesday, which I cannot No, it's Friday at 1. Well, we changed it.

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Montgomery Town Library: I just have like a It looks like I have a recurring Yeah, we have a recurring one. So, I'll cancel that recurring. Cool. Okay. I just wanted to double check and make sure we hadn't I just like hadn't missed something. I didn't think we talked about a recurring Wednesday meeting of the people who originally were at met with uh Darren and Lynn. Yes. Um someone couldn't come on Wednesday. So, I think Carmen wanted to move for Friday and it worked for others. I don't have anything on my calendar for Friday. If you want to come, you can. You can. We're going to be at the Yeah, I don't think it was It didn't go out to There's no meeting next Wednesday. I think it was a text message thing, but it was just whoever was on that text. Dale, are you going to send out a meeting request for the Friday?

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Montgomery Town Library: Yeah, I'm going to update it to include everybody. So, we're not doing Wednesday recurring from here forward or what? Well, at least for this next

weekend I next week I can't do Wednesday. I I'm happy to do more meetings during the week, but no, we're not planning on next week. So, because I've got it a bunch on my calendar and then the following week is our regular trustee meeting. So, I wouldn't say we're going to have a meeting on May 13. We should try to meet a little earlier. Maybe we could do like a like a 5 or 5:30 to if you want to do it would be better because we didn't get much done. I just I might not be able to get here right. But if you guys want to get started without me, that's fine. I don't I don't mind if you guys start and this is for our regular meeting. So, Friday is at noon, right? Friday noon at the Fine Swan.

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Montgomery Town Library: We and I've just sent you an invite that should have um gotten to your email. Okay. And then the subsequent meeting is going to be Tuesday the 13th. That's our regular or sorry, Wednesday the 13th. I say we just go with that Thursday. I do too. And just make it a little earlier because that people only have to come out once. You think we're going to get a lot done in a half? I think we just go for five and we might start a few minutes later, but five be done for like just that's just for auction. If you don't want to come for the auction stuff before, you know, people don't have to. But um and then we'll start a normal meeting at 6. Oh, so it'll be different. So maybe yeah, I'll warn it as a separate meeting. Yeah. So maybe on the agenda, uh remind people to start getting donations because it's really that premeeting thing is just going to be to update where people are at or if they need help with someone.

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Montgomery Town Library: And so I personally, as we're going towards next Friday's meeting, I feel like I really need to dig deep and figure out how to get an online bit. Yeah. I have no idea how to do that. It's been talked about literally for four years. feel like that's something. Yeah, I'm I'm looking into that. Um, between the PayPal, Venmo, potentially some of those other nonprofit things, we just I think Venmo, it's something that works and is easy. We can set up a Venmo profile for the library and receive. That's a doable thing. Um, I think the challenge is we'd have a a process for that. If we can set up a charity one, which is what I'm looking at my phone, um through the friends, they can get it um with the benefits of there are um several at least a couple of nonprofits. It's July 17th and you're on my list. Are you donating nonprofit account?

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Montgomery Town Library: It handles um it handle it would handle like it lets you do like brochures and raffles and online. Could you send me the ones that you're familiar with or Yeah. Yeah, sure. I don't know if we wanted to do if we wanted to look at something like that. I think also I think you can also put all your email list in there and it can send out mailers and wow to them for buying tickets for pre-selling tickets. So I think which is what so many people do but I think there's a demo option. Yeah. Well, so these sites they can they can do that and the way their model works is they they don't charge any fees but they have a thing at the end of their thing where they they request tips. Yeah. from the customers like a tip to support the site. Yeah. Interesting business as well. But we could look at that. I could I could send out the links to a couple of those.

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Montgomery Town Library: Yeah, if you want to text that to me or shoot me an email. I'll um dive into that with Pat, I think, because it's again friends like to see. Yeah. And Marley said he won't be back for a couple. He's not going to be at our next meeting. Okay. Is he tra he's ever come? I don't know where he is. He's not home though. She didn't know when he'd be home. It'd be later in May. Okay. Well, we have other I'm think we're talking about Pat Farmer, but we have other contacts on the friends that might be able to get us that information. We have a lot of it already. It's just more permission as well. For example, if we need her banking information. Yeah. I wonder if Jen Worth is there. Oh, she might be. We'll find out.

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Montgomery Town Library: She'd be great. I can find that out before the next meeting. Before the next meeting. I'll put that on my list. And I don't know for sure if we I mean because I know like with the library status as a municipal organization I don't know if it counts as a nonprofit or for for the for the for the terms of like the website that's you know yeah because it is because I think it is supposed to be tax exempt. Yeah. Maybe at some point we can look into how to do that how to set it how to apply for that ourselves

or is it is it really It's a different It's a different category I think of. Yeah. So, we wouldn't be eligible even if we applied. Is that what you're saying? Um, yeah. Well, yeah, we can't apply to be like a 50 501c 501c3. Because we are a municip because we're a municipal organization.

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Montgomery Town Library: Okay. All right. But I think we're already I think we should already be tax exempt as a municipal organization. But I don't know if that makes us count as an I don't know if that makes us be considered a nonprofit or not. I'm not sure what that is. Is that where the tax ID comes in? Like we could give that number to somebody and maybe not get charged tax. That's where you go to Costco and say EIN number blah blah blah. Yeah, that works. Find out trial and error. And I just sent out the invite for next um for Wednesday the 13th at 5:00 p.m. Okay. And that's 5:00 before the six o'clock meeting. Yes, both has to be worn. So, does anybody else want to shout out their action items before next? I've wrote down a bunch of them. So, um I got Chris is going to coordinate with Marlene regarding updating the library website.

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Montgomery Town Library: We need the trustees updated. um add an auction website or or page to it with information about the um about the event um the raffle tickets and add a donation button to the website not to the not to the auction website but just a donation button I have um for me to send up the mark marked up posters to Sha um Daniel is going to look into renting tablecloths and setting up a Venmo account and finding our MC and and MC. Okay. Is that our auctioneer? Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. And then um I'm going to talk to Tusca on Saturday about whether she volunteered her time or volunteered to um for hire um and what what she charged for the coordinating of the food. Um and Patty needs lowerhead for applications to corporate donors. I'm getting that. Um so that's Nicole. Yep. And then Carmen, Daniel, Chris um are to get together and figure out how to make online fitting happen.

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Montgomery Town Library: Yeah, make it go live. Yeah, I'm nervous about that. And Cindy Weed have already requested a picture for the poster. You have the QR codes. Did she mention that? Um yeah, I mean I'll consider that as part of the website. I'm gonna get the email list together from the patriot people who came last year. Okay. Awesome. All right. So, I think Are we good to end the meeting now? All right. It is. Are we going to that? When I get close to it. Is that what you meant or you talking about donations? No, I meant action items like what are our next steps? move in the right direction and I feel a little daunted by the online thing, but that's going to be important. So, well, you're not alone because we've literally been talking about it for four years. Yes, it's time.

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