

FRIENDS OF THE DOWNTOWN MEETING
APRIL 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Miller.
Approximately 20 people were present.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes from February 1, 2007. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kaaron and Arlen audited our treasury from February 2006-2007. Jeff made a motion to approve the audited report. Seconded by Hildegard. Motion passed.

Marilyn had treasury reports for all in attendance. HERITAGE GARDEN: \$3000 CD, CHECKING: \$165. DECORATING CHECKING: \$1565.92. This includes a \$250 donation from Kent Kutzke Memorial and donations from Downtown businesses and Friends. Liz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Dorothy M. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

DECORATING: Sue had two estimates for the flower baskets. West Side Nursery: \$1200 Harold Orth: \$480. This would be to fill 20 baskets. A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Kaaron to accept the lowest bid. Motion passed. Jeff will get a quote from West Side Nursery about the six cement planters on Main Street. He will also check with the County Market Greenhouse and consult with the City about watering this summer. Marilyn suggested we add more baskets.

MEMBERSHIP: Liz reported we have 12 individual memberships
4 family
3 business
4 lifetime

HISTORICAL Dorothy May is asking for tour guides for exploring the Downtown area.. Donna K. suggested a self guided tour pamphlet available at motels, businesses etc. Hildegard made us aware of the historical vs present position. Sharon B, Donna K and Jeff will form a committee to draw a rough draft of a tour pamphlet.

It was suggested we submit an informational story on the "Sears Homes in Medford", raising interest and asking home owners to come forward if they own one of these houses. Dorothy has two on her list and knows of several others. We would then sponsor a guided bus tour.

HERITAGE GARDEN Casey suggested a mural on the Ben Franklin building, possibly Emma Klingbeil painting a picture of historical downtown. Sue suggested the public vote (\$1.00) to chose the picture. A grape arbor for the top of the garden was also suggested..

MAINTENANCE: Enid will organize a group for clean up as soon as the weather cooperates.

Old Business:

CULTURAL SERIES:

1. June Scheduled in June is Anna Baptist Night. Amish Night. Taylor County Tourism is sponsoring a narrated informational Amish Tour with four participants in Holway. The tour bus will visit an Amish farm, bakery, wood working shop and a quilt shop and give everyone a

chance to learn more about a culture in our area. The cost is \$15 per person. It was also suggested we have a drawing for several bus tickets, paid for by FODT as a promotion. We will also invite the Amish to sell their crafts starting at 4:00 p.m. that same day.

2. July Our second event will be the Chair Affair. The BRAG has several donated chairs for people to paint. Call Sandy or Jeff.
3. August This will be our historical night with the Sears Homes.
4. September Octoberfest

New Business:

1. Memorial Garden: Roger Emmerich will speak to our group about the Veteran's garden for questions and input during the May 3rd meeting.
2. Farmer's Market. The Amish will continue their selling at the Fair Grounds.
3. Refuse: If there is garbage in the alley ways, call the police department and they will enforce the law.
4. Brucker Building: The old laundry building is for sale. \$18000 and negotiable.
5. Jeff brought to our attention the new sign that will be installed on the corner of 13 & 64. A donation is requested. By Taylor County Tourism. All events can be posted on the moving, lighted sign.

A motion was made by Jane and seconded by Cathy to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted


Sharon Beilfuss, Secretary