

FRIENDS OF THE DOWNTOWN MINUTES
JANUARY 4TH

The meeting was opened by President, Jeff Miller.

Minutes: Roz made a motion to accept the minutes. Marilyn seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report: Marilyn gave members a financial account. Motion made by Roz and seconded by Sharon B. to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding the partial deposit of funds into a CD. A motion was made by Roz and seconded by Enid to deposit \$3000 (heritage garden) into a six month CD, the remainder in regular checking. Motion passed.

Marilyn requested two people to audit books for the Friends. Arlen and Karen offered their assistance.

Jeff and Marilyn will fill out a form from our organization for non profit status to the IRS within the next three months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Decorating: Sue and Dave removed the Main Street holiday led lights. Sue also decorated the tree next to the Cookie Jar. The baskets will remain until February. Next spring, the committee will contact Harold Orth for a price comparison, possibly planting from seed. Sue will track information.

It was also noted that several bulbs were not working in the Christmas decorations. Next year these should be checked before decorating for the holiday.

Historical: Dorothy May has researched the area for Sears Homes. She has found six homes and suggests perhaps a walking tour during the summer with a narrator.

OLD BUSINESS:

Survey: Arlen will give Jeff an updated survey for the web site.

CD: Refer to treasurer's report.

Membership dues: Continue to distribute brochures and encourage people to join our "Friends."

NEW BUSINESS:

Cultural Series planning: Jeff will have a meeting with the people involved in the past events. June: Tourism Committee is planning an Amish Tour. This would be an

opportunity to invite the Amish to bring their baked goods, quilts, woodworking etc to our Main Street.

July: We will again sponsor the "Chair Affair."

Aug: TBA

Flower Baskets: Refer to Decorating Committee

Other New Business:

There are lights on the medium and there will be more in the future to keep the town lit at all times.. It was suggested we attend a City Council meeting to promote the outlets on the lamp posts to facilitate in decorating the Park during the holidays. A summer project.

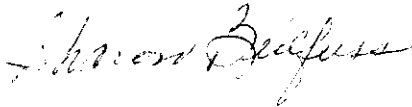
With permission, we would like to encourage planting trees in the grassy area by Better Buy and in the area of the Chamber building across from the River View Apartments. Possibly as a memorial garden with a description of the tree and when planted.

Letter to John Fales about the refuse behind Bogies Bar.

A motion was made by Roz and seconded by Sandy to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting February 1st. 5:00 Library

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon Beilfuss".

Sharon Beilfuss, Sec.