

**FRIENDS OF THE DOWNTOWN
MINUTES AUGUST 3RD**

President, Jeff Miller, called the meeting to order at 5:00. Twenty two people were present. There was a notation made to correct the July minutes to read "Friends of the Downtown," not "Friends of the Library."

Liz A. made a motion to approve the minutes..seconded by Mark.

Treasurer's report: Marilyn reported that all money has been collected and deposited from the chair auction. Total: \$1602.50. Account balance is \$4641.07. A motion was made by Hildegard to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Liz. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historical committee: Paul reported their will be a walk through the Downtown, a pig roast and games from the turn of the century for young people. Also carriage rides, farmers market and possible bag pipe music. (A meeting will be held on Wednesday at 4:00 at the Cookie Jar..everyone invited) Volunteers needed for events.

Maintenance: Enid is asking for help weeding the Depot alley and State street. A time was set for Monday, Aug 7th at 5:00. A question was raised as to the safety of the old laundry building and if it has been inspected recently.

Decorating committee: Sue Thiede was absent but it was reported there will be Fall decorating by our committee. Roz suggested each business compete for a best window contest for Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS:

Master Gardeners: Casey has been working. He needs more manpower.

Survey: There was a format issue on #11 and it has been corrected. The West side has been done as of 8/11/06.

Community cultural series: Our Chair Affair and other events were very successful. Sandy will send thank you notes . Other events include Sept..end of the summer. Music, food for an early Octoberfest. The last Thursday of October will bring "Women's night out." November will be "Lighting of the Lights" and sleigh rides. December everyone gets a break!!

Membership dues: Liz, Karen and Dorothy will work on this project.

NEW BUSINESS: October 25th there will be a seminar on "Recapturing Your Downtown" at the Jefferson Street Inn. \$85 per person. The theme will be "Set backs should not deter us" The information is highly recommended by Jeff.

Hildegard Kuse also made note of a free event on the 21st of August involving the Whooping Cranes lead pilot. Anyone interested in learning more about the pilot and his plane ..meet at the High School at 7:30.

Liz made a motion to adjourn..Enid seconded it, motion passed.

Next meeting September 7th 5:00

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Beilfuss, Secretary

