

Friends of the Downtown – Medford

Minutes, January 3, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Miller at 5:05pm. About 10 members present

Minutes: were minimal from our brief meeting at the lovely Christmas party at Carol O’Leary’s guesthouse. Arlen moved to accept as printed and Irene seconded.

Treasurer’s Report distributed by Irene and explained by her. Balance is \$ 4,092

Membership drive in Feb

Jeff has membership on spreadsheet and will get to Liz .

Food Drive - Indianhead the food pantry for Medford had lots of food before Christmas. Hearing of increased demand at food pantries we decided to spearhead a food drive kicking off on Valentines Day with the businesses downtown. With cash donations Indianhead can get food cheaply thru Second Harvest. Irene, Sharon and Marilyn will contact the businesses. Jeff will look into a non-brat fry at County Market. Liz moved and Irene seconded that we pay \$200 for advertising. Purpose is several fold, benefit people in need; show that the downtown community has a heart and good P.R. for FOTD. Jeff will let Chamber know so they can include in information in their advertising.

Medians – Jeff will talk to John Fales and Neibauer about public funding for sculpture.

Plan now is to have planters(no blacktop), and keep the electric outlets. He will also talk to them about watering, weeding and fertilizing planters next summer.

Heritage Garden - Casey hopes to get a timber arbor and some bushes on the East side in the spring. He is very concerned about the snow plowing which is moving rocks and would dig up stuff 2 ft. on either side of sidewalk, which is in bad repair. He has put irrigation and electrical conduits down but we don’t having funding for lights yet cost \$1600 each. Jeff will talk to the Johns about snow plough and sidewalk, too.

Arlan asked about our 501C status, Jeff is filing and contacting Damm Accounting for additional information.

Arlan reviewed our accomplishments: flower boxes, planters, hanging baskets, fall and Christmas decorations, and cultural series. Need to discuss a Long range Plan, short term and ongoing, do we have enough on our plate? We will discuss at the Feb meeting.

Arlan made a motion to adjourn at 5:45 and Irene second, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Archibald

Next Meeting, February 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.