

Friends of the Downtown – Medford

Minutes, October 2, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Miller at 5:00pm.

Minutes: Accepted as read.

Treasurer Report: Report shows a balance is \$7596.58. Arlen made a motion to accept report, Tami seconded.

Committee Reports:

Decorating – We will be decorating the Downtown area for Fall on Sunday, October 5 at 10 a.m. Winter decorating will take place on Thursday, November 6 at 4 p.m. We will meet at Woodland Marketing (industrial park #2, across from Vet Clinic). We'll be filling the hanging baskets with pine boughs. We'll go to Main Street around 5 p.m., to hang the baskets. After our work we'll have a short FOTD meeting at the Cookie Jar with chili and hot chocolate.

Membership – We currently have 31 paid members and 6 lifetime members.

Old Business

Heritage Garden – Weeding and Round-up was applied to garden area. Received \$20 from Riney Klingbeil for the memorial. Tree has been planted and a plaque needs to be ordered. Discussed some additions to the garden for next year. Will contact WestSide Nursery in early spring.

OctoberFest– The event was fairly well attended. Brat fry made \$150 profit. It was determined live music is a must for events and more work should be done finding bands.

October Event / Harvest Days- Wine Tasting will be rescheduled for a Women's Weekend in February.

New Business:

Meeting with businesses – Downtown businesses were invited to a special meeting on Wednesday, October 1. Discussion was centered around how businesses could participate in FOTD events and if changes needed to be made. A good conversation took place with some great new ideas being put forth. Haunted House for 2009, additional events for summer, addition of Library events to FOTD evenings and more. Another meeting will be held in late winter.

Officer Nominations – It was recommended that the same slate of officers be elected for the next term. Liz motioned to accept nominations, Carol seconded. Nominations are: President – Jeff Miller, Vice-President – Kaaron Keene, Secretary – Cathy Henrichs, Treasurer – Irene Fallon. Election of officers will take place at next meeting.

Upcoming events – Next years event schedule was discussed. Listing will be posted on website. They include February Food Drive, Women's Weekend, Tax Day Brat Fry, Summer Cultural Series – June, July, August, September, possible Haunted House in October.

Liz made a motion to adjourn at 5:45 and Tami seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted Sue Thiede/Jeff Miller

Next Meeting, December 4 2008 -- **Christmas Party, location to be determined.**