

Minutes

Friends of the Downtown Meeting

February 5, 2009

Meeting called to order by President at 5:03 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from January meeting accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report distributed and approved.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Discussion was held on creating a Membership Drive and have all dues payable at the same time each year. Currently dues are - Single \$10, Family \$25, Lifetime \$100. Jeff and Liz will meet to decide on a new strategy for our membership/dues.

New Business

Flower Baskets: Jeff will contact French Town Greenhouse about filling our baskets again this year. We will purchase materials for the large planters from local greenhouses later in the season.

Small Business Workshops: The UW Extension will be offering small business courses at the campus in Medford. Cost is \$250 and the Taylor County Extension would pay ½ if the FOTD would pay the other. Sue motioned to spend the \$125, Cathy seconded. Motion passed. Dates for the workshops will be posted online. (If you are unable to attend a link will be posted also for you to watch via your computer after the date).

June Event: Arlen asked for ideas for a FOTD Summer Event in June that would go together with the County Tourism Tour. Ideas will be presented at next meeting.

Heritage Garden: KC presented an idea for an arbor at the bottom of the Heritage Garden. He will get a drawing so it can be presented to City Hall. Cost were discussed, but no motion for expenditures will be made until we hear back from the City.

Old Business

Destination Medford: Sue said trees are still up and will be lit for the Destination Medford Feb 27-28. Marilyn and Laurie gave a report on this exciting Chamber event. Wine tasting while visiting local artists, Sat night Taste of Medford and a speaker Alice Conner lobbyist for the logging industry. Sun Church or snowshoeing will be available and a brunch. Lots of other activities on Sat i.e. yoga, knitting, more wine and crafts.

Food Drive: 12 businesses are participating in the Food Drive. Sue will drop off posters. Cathy will do the radio ad.

Events Calendar: The events are online at www.friendsofthedowntown.com – be sure to check it out.

Liz made a motion to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Henrichs