

## **Minutes**

### **Friends of the Downtown Meeting**

**June 4, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Jeff Miller, President at 5:02 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes from May meeting accepted as presented.

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

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Liz reported that the renewal letters were sent and already 7 were returned with dues.

#### **Old Business**

**Flower Baskets:** Baskets were hung on Memorial Day weekend. The planters are filled. The city will be watering the baskets and planters. A big Thank You to Laurie and Jim Peterson for picking up the baskets from Frenchtown Greenhouse.

**June Event:** Arlen reported the Taylor County Tourism Council the bus tour of the county's cemeteries is on track. The FOTD will have our first Cultural Event that day also. Arlen did the radio ads, the Community News interview and has the ads ready for The Star News. On June 18 we are planning on having a brat fry, music and information from the Genealogy Group (Kim Baumgartner). Concern about people walking in and out of the presentation was voiced. An alternative location will be pursued. Vendors will be asked to set-up and local citizens invited downtown. The Tourism Council will be paying \$200 towards the \$300 cost of advertising. The FOTD will pay the balance of \$150. The Lounge Around will be providing beer.

**Heritage Garden:** A group of volunteers, including (2) students from the alternative high school worked on weeding the Heritage Garden. There will be a need to do an application of RoundUp weed killer in several areas. Also, Sue Thiede is looking at getting Lilac bushes for the back area of the garden. Possible additions to the garden this year include benches and name plates for plants. Jeff checked with the city planner about the arbor idea. The city planner didn't see a problem, but suggested the need for a very detailed drawing and installation plan since the City Council would need to approve. The FOTD will also need to have the exact cost of project before moving forward. Dave Zimmerman suggested plantings on the west side of Main Street by the stairway at Better Buy and will be checking working on this project. The FOTD also received information on possible workers through the Huber inmates at the County Jail.

**Cancer Walk:** The FOTD was overall top fund raiser at \$1600 and had about 10-12 walkers. Great job!

#### **New Business**

**July Event:** This Spud's For You! Kathy Henrichs will be chairing the event. Joan, Sue and Jeff will also be helping. Couch Potato Races, Dress Up. We will be asking Bogies Bar to provide the beer for the event.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Miller

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 2, 2009, 5 p.m., The Star News Conference Room**