

## Minutes

### Friends of the Downtown Meeting

March 12, 2009

Meeting called to order by Cathy Henrichs, Secretary at 5:02 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes from February 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. March will be the new renewal month for all memberships.

#### Old Business

**Destination Medford:** 51 businesses were involved and 113 people participated in the event. Very positive responses and afforded the opportunity for Medford locals to revisit their downtown.

**Food Drive:** Food drive was discussed. No number available. Kim at ICAA will be contacted.

**Cleanup:** Enid, Jeff and Marilyn took down the baskets from the Holiday season. The planters were rozen and we will need to wait until the Spring Thaw to clean them. Dave Zimmerman removed the rees from the railing and disposed of. Taylor County Human Services has individuals that need to omplete community service hours and the FOTD were contacted to see if we could use the help. Answer: ES, we will be contacting in later Spring when we're up Downtown and Heritage Garden.

**Flower Baskets:** French Town Greenhouse will filling our baskets again this year. Motion made by Liz to submit our \$200 deposit, seconded by Sue. Motion passed. Baskets will be dropped off beginning of April.

**Small Business Workshops:** The UW Extension small business courses are still in progress and are also available online.

**June Event:** A countywide cemetery tour was suggested. Loretta stated there is a book in our library with the local cemeteries. Also discussed Amish Auction, tour combo. Forest Service is putting out a new map of all forestry roads. Decision by April meeting desired.

**Heritage Garden:** Still need to contact City Hall regarding new arbor project.

**Tax Day Brat Fry:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. , April 15, Wednesday. Tammy will contact Post Office. Star News will provide some workers, Sue and Jeff will chair event. Liz will help. Number of brats should be increased by an additional 100 since we ran out by Noon last year and had to get more. We will contact Pete Armbrust about a tent and also see if we can put it up at the post office.

#### New Business

**Run/Walk:** There will be a Walk/Run May 29 for Taylor County Cancer Walk. Irene asked if there was interest in having a FOTD Team. Cathy wanted to know if we could donate the proceeds of the Brat Fry, although Liz thought there were stipulations regarding donating to another non-profit. Cathy will get the information for the event.

**Meeting Location:** The Star News is willing to let us use their conference room for our meetings. We will discuss and post the new location.

Irene made a motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Tammy seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Thiede