

Friends of the Downtown Minutes - July 5, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Miller at promptly 5pm. About 20 members present including new member Sharon Junger representing the Saturday Farmer's market.

Minutes: Arlen moved to accept as printed and Irene seconded

Treasurer's Report handed out by Marilyn and explained by her. The Heritage garden is in the red and the CD is due so she will remove CD and perhaps reinvest after we find out what is needed. Checking account: \$622.61, CD \$3000. Hildegard moved to accept and Dorothy seconded motion .

Old Business

Report on Amish night: We sold 175 brats, I managed to get 3 new members and several people took brochures and said they would join. The bus trip was a big success and the Cookie jar was SRO for the speaker Richard Dawley who calls himself an Amish Advocate. The crowd seemed small but the vendors were pleased with their sales and will come again.

Chair affair - Lots of Chairs have been received and we have 2 musicians Terry Werner and Marianna Casteneta. The Star News Staff will sell brats and all seems to be in order. Jim Metz, from The Lounge Around will sell beer.

Historical Night – August 16th – Donna and Jeff will work on a brochure for self guided tour with Sharon Beilfuss' help and they will be consulting Hildegard Kuse, who has 2 big boxes of information. They have the Wise Guys lined up for music sponsored by Black River Art Gallery. Marilyn talked to the Sears house expert and he will be up on Aug 8 to check out the houses they have lined up. We are hoping to do a brat fry again if someone will volunteer. Seems like a very good idea to have brats. We will also have a Flea Market and Marilyn is talking to Chuck Storezinger about the Antiques group maybe having a booth. Paul will be selling beer.

Heritage Garden A huge load of rocks have been delivered by Kenny Lagemen and we need to decide on a thank you for him. There will be 2 work days set up and maybe our summer helper can help? And you will be notified by email to come and help.

New Business

Farmers Market: A few vendors are going to be attempting to set up a Farmers Market for Thursday afternoons/evenings. The vendors plan on being downtown from 3 – 7 p.m. We will keep you posted with additional information.

Flower Baskets: A lively debate occurred regarding the flower baskets on Main Street. Several members are concerned that the baskets are too high off the ground and should be lowered. Are they too sparse also? Donna will get specific measurements and chains and Jeff will go to City Council meeting and try to get at least a few experimental ones lowered.

Liz made a motion to adjourn at 5:40 and Betty second, motion passed.

Kathy reported the raising of the flags at the millpond was an emotional and heartwarming sight with an eagle flying over the millpond and the wind filling the flags as if on cue.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Archibald