

## Friends of the Downtown Meeting June 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 by Pres. Jeff Miller. In attendance were 14 people. Jeff Miller, Arlen Albrecht, Liz Archibald, Mark Berglund, Carol O'Leary, Laura Holmes, Dorothy May, Sandra Klingbeil, Donna Klinner, Marilyn Miller, Paul Krueger, Dan and Jeannie Lechmaier, and new member Tami Fuchs.

The motion of minutes was accepted by Arlen and seconded by Sandra.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Refer to hand-out. Total funds do not include the outstanding bill for the flower baskets and planters which has not been received yet. A \$200 donation was accepted for the Taylor Co. Tourism sign. Laura H. motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Dorothy M.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paul Krueger feels the need to resign his position of the historical chairperson. Any person interested in this committee is encouraged to get involved.

The flower baskets and planters appear to be very healthy and it seems that conditions will make them flourish throughout the summer. The city has again agreed to water the baskets. The planters are the responsibility of those businesses closest in proximity to care for. A few extra baskets / brackets are still being delivered to businesses requesting them.

### HERITAGE GARDEN

Work has been done to the north-side garden with additional planting following soon. The south side is to be cleaned up and KC is in need of more volunteers when time permits.

### CULTURAL SERIES

#### ANABAPTIST EVENT JUNE 21

Arlen stated that after the article was posted in the Star News, the bus was filled within 5 days. 48 people are able to fill the bus. No additional bus will be provided. \$300 is allotted for Debra Morris-Corn's presentation from the city. The presentation will begin at 5:30 at the Cookie Jar. (Note: because of unforeseen circumstances, a different speaker presented the material.)

Amish and Mennonite are to set up wares on Main Street late afternoon through the evening. Nevin High helped in the distribution of 200 flyers in the Amish and Mennonite communities, as well as throughout the city.

Abraat fry will be held as a FODT event. Some volunteers will be needed. \$300 was considered a fair amount for advertising this and other upcoming events. Laura Holmes volunteered to head the advertising. Laura H. motioned to accept the \$300 amount and Arlen A. seconded.

### CHAIR AFFAIR

JULY 19

Posters were distributed for the art / music/ chair auction event. Many have expressed interest in donating a chair for this event and entry forms are available on-line and at some businesses. Chairs are to be dropped off at the Chamber Office or The Black River Gallery. As we did last year, we'd like to display them in businesses prior to the event. We are happy to accept as many chairs as possible. If there is an over-flow for the time-frame of the live auction, there will also be a silent auction. The Star News is having a brat fry for the FODT, and a sidewalk chalk-drawing contest will be in conjunction with the event. Any person desiring to exhibit and display their art is also encouraged to register as a space will be assigned to them. Call the Gallery (748 – 6611) to register. Music is currently being lined up, also.

## HISTORICAL NIGHT

AUGUST 16

The Sears houses – bus / shuttle tour may actually provide 10 – 15 different locations. Marilyn and Dorothy have been doing research and consulted with James Draeger from the State Historical Society. It is pending whether he will be able to come, but a discussion at the Carnegie Library (Chamber Office) may be planned. Antique vendors will be solicited for the event and music is being arranged. More information at the July meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50, motioned by Liz and seconded by Donna.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Klingbeil