

Benton Community Development Corporation

November 5, 2014

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Aaron Erdenberger. Present were Aaron & Crystal Erdenberger, Myrna Sysko, Vicki Farrey. Arriving late Jessica Polfer & Steve Malone.

Motion to approve minutes of August meeting made by Myrna and seconded by Crystal. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Treasurer's report was about allowing money to go through our accounts for benefits for individuals. Our accountant recommends against it. The Sunshine fund's name will need to be changed. Discussed combining the TOL and KWF cd's into fewer cd's for each account instead of the 13 cd's we now have for each account.

The street dance made \$2901.37 after paying \$1400 for the band. The band for next year has been book for \$900.

Music in the park made \$154.50, after paying \$400 for the performers.

Motion by Myrna and seconded by Jessica to accept the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Christmas tree lighting will be at 4:00pm on Dec 7. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Motion made by Steve and seconded by Jessica to move our meeting time to 6:00pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Motion carried.

We discussed Ryan finding a place to plant pumpkins for next year's pumpkin tree. Possibly at the compost site.

The bike trail project with Cuba City was discussed. It seems to be at a standstill until we get some answers from the county.

[(this message was received on Nov 6.) Cody,

My initial thoughts are that my committee will probably not be in favor of this. The maintenance issue is one thing, the liability issue is another and the reason that we have an easement for highway purposes is so that we can properly maintain our public highways. This means maintaining drainage, snow removal, shoulders and signage. This is also the reason that we don't allow crops to be planted within this easement. A paved trail would also compromise utilities, which uses the easement for their placement. We will talk about it at committee level and be in touch.

Thanks,

Tom]

Jessica has 4 weeks off mid December to mid January and is willing to work on the auction. Auction set for February 7 and Lawrence's. Waiting approval on date. Was suggested we get posters printed to include with the letters that go out in December and ask the businesses to hang them up.

Christmas green sales were \$1529. Minus cost of goods sold and the advertising we should make \$533.20.

Vicki will check on getting a grant from Alliant for mailing newsletters.

The chicken BBQ raised \$817.61 for the Gary Neis Community Scholarship.

Aaron will ask on Face Book if anyone has any projects we should undertake.

Thank you notes were read from Laine Carver and Deb Kurth.

Motion to adjourn by Jessica and seconded by Myrna. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next meeting will be Dec 10th due to a conflict with the Village Board meeting.