

BCDC Meeting Minutes

01/10/11

Secretary Rose Walton called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with the following members present: Crystal and Aaron Erdenberger, Myrna Sysko, Vicki Farrey, Darnell Hendricks, Chuck Wartner, Jessica Polfer, Kay Brink (7:10).

Newsletter Articles: Myrna will do an Alumni Banquet, Crystal will do the garage sale, Aaron will do the Ground Hogs Day Wrap up and a Summary of projects that we have done over the past year. Chuck will do an article on the Community Fund. Crystal will do Entertainment in the Park. Chuck will do Halloween Hooley. Kay will do the Tree of Love. Letter from our president and Village president articles as well.

Election of Officers: Darnell Hendricks nominated Chuck Wartner as president, this was seconded by Myrna Sysko. All Ayes, motion carries.

Vicki Farrey nominated Steve Malone as vice president this was seconded by Aaron Erdenberger. All Ayes, motion carries.

Aaron Erdenberger nominated Crystal Erdenberger for treasurer seconded by Darnell Hendrick. All Ayes, motion carries.

Jessica Polfer nominated Rose Walton for Secretary seconded by Chuck Wartner. All Ayes, motion carries.

Community Bulletin Boards: No follow up at all at this time. Chuck filled Kay in on the plan for this board. A thought for a place to put this board was in the empty lot between McCarthy's and Cal's apartment building. We would like to start with the one at the Zephyr Depot and see what kind of a response that we get. Aaron will bring in the board that the bank has next month and clean it up, this way we can show it to Tony and give him an idea of what we would like to do. We would be able to control the board and would be the ones that do the posting. We also discussed deciding on the events that we plan on hosting for the year and making brochures to distribute to different communities.

We would like to have committees for Communications, Fund Raising, Decorating, and for each of our events so that we can be more organized and get more things done.

We will also begin to post the agenda in several places around town

Schedule of Events for the Year:

Ground Hogs Dance: February Crystal and Kay will chair

Garage Sales: April/May Crystal and Aaron Erdenberger will chair

Chicken BBQ: May/June Darnell has volunteered to be the chair for this event with Kay Co-chairing. Possible ideas for activities would be: Bean Bag Tournament, Cow Pie Bingo, we can ask Sister's photography if they would take family pictures that day, fingerprinting, Blowup bounce house from LT Amusement or Gasser's, Jessica will also bring her smaller blowup for the younger children. Chuck Wartner would be willing to dress as a Rooster by the road to draw attention to the event, if a rooster costume can be found, Rose will make one if the materials and a pattern are found.

Entertainment in the Park: Sundays in August Crystal and Aaron Erdenberger will chair

Labor Day: September We hope that Kay will continue to Chair

Halloween Hooley: October. Hooley will be on October 29th this year.

Children's Halloween Parade: October

Tree of Love, Santa, Carolling: December

We will bring sign up sheets for each event to the next meeting so that we can have members sign up for them and hopefully they will draw others from the community in so that we will continue to grow.

Coupon Books? If we decide to do this again this year maybe we can ask Maggie Langkamp to Chair the committee

Benton Community Fund: Had discussed a \$5,000.00 donation from the BCDC cd special that the Benton State Bank ran. Chuck would like to get a signed pledge sheet for this pledge to make it official. Kay made the motion and Myrna seconded to use the funds for seed money. All Ayes, motion carried. Kay or Steve will sign the pledge sheet for Chuck.

Booster club is looking at new bleachers for the football/baseball field, this may be a cause that we can target for 50% of the proceeds of the Ground Hog Dance/Auction. The Booster Club will be doing other fund raising as well, including possibly writing an Alliant Energy Grant. We currently have 3500.00 in the Bucky Fund if we would like to bring Bucky back again this year. It may still draw a crowd again this year and may be something that we should look into doing again. Chuck will check with the Fire Department before we start publicizing and fund raising for this event.

Flag Pole: the village began fund raising for a flagpole and lighting for it in the village park. The Legion Riders asked to take over the fund raising and the village agreed to that. We believe that this would be a worthwhile donation for the BCDC as well. Chuck motioned that we donate \$500.00 for the new flagpole and lighting in the village park, seconded by Myrna. All Ayes, motion carries.

Committee Reports: Wreaths and Greens sales profited \$338.00. See report below.

Benton Community Development Corp

Event: Wreath sales

Chair Person : VICKI FARREY

Purpose: Fund raiser

Date: Oct-Nov

Job Specifics:

September Get prices for greens from Cuba City Greenhouse and or Felderman's

By end of September set prices and decide what weeks to run the ads

Contact a couple of businesses to see if they will accept orders

October run the ads 2 weeks

First part of November gather the orders, call people who have ordered other years but not this year to see if they forgot

Put orders on a spreadsheet

Call orders to supplier

Change spreadsheet to data base and print order tickets

Get a couple of people to help deliver the greens

Weekend before Thanksgiving deliver the greens

Expenses:

Ads \$76.00

Cuba City Greenhouse 674.00

750.00

Sales 1088.00

Profit \$338.00

Treasurers Report: Checking account: \$2223.98
 Savings account: \$3579.45 (Bucky Fund)
 CD: \$6000.00 General Fund
 Scholarship Savings: \$600.00 cannot use this

Ground Hogs Dance: solicit donations for the auction. Currently have a ¼ beef already processed, wine and cheese basket.

Entertainment this year will be Just 1 More, Jim and Rosalie Morgan, Accordion player, 2 Drunks and Three Mikes and auction service from Mike Pearce. There will be a 50/50 drawing every hour and hoping for both silent auction items as well as live auction items. Jessica will check with Applebes, Champs and some other Dubuque businesses to see if they would be interested in donating gift certificates. There will be a breakfast meeting in a week.

Kay Brink adjourned the meeting at 8:42 Pm.