

Main Street West Union

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BOARD NOTES – January 12, 2012

A quorum was not present. The following items were discussed.

Present: Sean Singewald, Derek Heins, Jon Biederman, Troy Schott, Nancy Dunt, Greg Ptacek, Carolyn Havenstrite, and Robin Bostrom

Absent: Ron Saboe, Erin Heins, Lori Daniels, Deb Wilhitte, Sue North, and Mike Lauer

Due to lack of a quorum, we were not able to hold election of officers. It will be necessary to call a special meeting to address this issue as we have contracts and grant applications that need to be signed by the new president before the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Treasurer's Report-

The December 2011 report was presented as well as a draft budget for 2012. Members present discussed raising the rent charged at the bus barn to \$350 per month to be able to meet the building expenses. A separate balance sheet and budget will be provided for the Bus Barn rehab project which is part of the Downtown Revitalization LLC. MSWU will need to contribute a small amount of starting funds to the LLC but the amount has not yet been determined. Bostrom will email out the December report and the proposed budget to all board members for email vote approval. .

Presidents Report –

Updates and approval to the by-laws was tabled until the next meeting. New board members were welcomed. Bostrom provided an update on the Bus Barn rehab project. The environmental review process is under way with UERPC doing the work. AHTS is reviewing the draft floor plan to make sure the project will meet building code requirements.

Committee Reports –

Design – Jon Biederman reported on the FCCF application that will be submitted for a power distribution box to use for community celebrations and entertainment downtown.

Organization – Greg Ptacek shared information about the 5th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for March 24, 2012 at the fairgrounds. A roast beef/roast pork dinner with all the trimmings will kick-off the evening followed by awards, accomplishments, a dessert silent auction, and live musical entertainment. All board members and committee members will be asked to participate and attend.

Promotions – Bostrom shared that Diva's & Dining will be held on April 12, 2012 at the West Union Country Club. The Promotions Committee is also working on summer

entertainment for the Civic Plaza for the upcoming season – once a week during June, July, and August.

Business Improvement – Bostrom reported that the BI group is working to update the Community Information binders and develop a Shop Local program for West Union. They will also serve to coordinate the Façade Master Plan project if a full application is sent in.

Program Directors report -

Reminder that the Main Street award applications are due February 2, 2012. MSWU will assist with the Community Awards Banquet on January 21, 2012. Dick Woodard will be honored as the MSWU Volunteer of the Year and all board members will be introduced.

Bostrom distributed the 2012 state calendar and encouraged board members to read through it and get important Main Street dates on their 2012 calendars. Bostrom also reported that we have received the contract extensions for the USDA funds that will allow us to upgrade the West Union website. \$1400 is being provided to upgrade the content management system which will allow for better navigation and video feeds to the site, Work must be completed by the end of February 2012.

Board assignments to MSWU committees were discussed. All board members should be actively serving and attending 1 committee each month during their time on the board.

Bostrom shared an invitation to two different retirement parties for State Coordinator Jane Seaton who will be retiring in February. MSWU will put together a gift basket for Jane. Anyone who would like to contribute should have items to the MSWU office before January 28th. Bostrom will deliver the gift basket during the state training at the end of the month. Bostrom reminded board members that MSWU will again be giving away 2 - \$250 scholarships to high school seniors this spring, so please pass the information unto any young person you think would qualify. Application forms are available at the high school or at the MSWU office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

8 volunteer hours submitted

Next meeting would be February 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Robin Bostrom