

Main Street West Union
Board Minutes
September 10, 2013

Present - Carolyn Havenstrite, Patti Heuton, Dick Woodard, Karla Organist, Derek Heins, Greg Ptacek, Robin Bostrom, Jon Biederman, Gail Hackman, Amie Johansen, Nancy Dunt, and John Pleggenkuhle

Absent - Tyler Hemry

Approval of Agenda - Erin Heins motioned, Jon Biederman seconded and everyone approved.

Approval of Minutes - Karla Organist motioned, Greg Ptacek seconded and everyone approved.

Treasurer's Report-

August Report - Robin Bostrom will provide a breakdown of committee revenue & expenses at the October meeting. Greg Ptacek motioned, Dick Woodard seconded and everyone approved to approve the August report.

Facade payments -

Invoice 14 to Martin Gardner for \$3957.35. Greg Ptacek motioned to pay, Pattie Heuton seconded and everyone approved.

Invoice to Fayette County Union for \$61.64. Greg Ptacek motioned to pay, Erin Heins seconded and everyone approved

Invoice 11 to Upper Explorerland for grant administration work for \$775.96. Greg Ptacek motioned, Patti Heuton seconded and everyone approved. Karla Organist abstained.

Multi Family Housing

Invoice 5 to AHTS for \$6004.70. Erin Heins motioned to pay, Dick Woodard seconded and everyone approved.

President's report

Multi Family - structural work on main floor has begun. They solved the electrical issue that arose. Alliant approved the new plan to locate electrical on the area where the overhead garage door is now. Request has now been sent to SHPO for final approval. The next progress meeting will be September 24th at 2:00 p.m. in the Bank 1st Board Room.

Facade Master Plan- Bids are opened Thursday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. We will approve low bid and then the bidder has until Monday to provide a building general breakdown. Building owner meetings are scheduled for September 18th.

Equipment Update - The bank is now allowing us to use their internet and the cost is included in our monthly rent. We will continue to be on the US Cellular phone until Derek Heins checks with bank on possibly using their phone service as well. Internet service with US Cellular has been canceled. Surrender fee will be about \$90.

Annual Visit - All committees will be meeting on September 23rd with state staff and an overview will be held the 24th. Please answer your assigned question for the visit.

Committee Reports

Design - they are considering all possible options for a shade structure on the Plaza. Also discussing options for public art projects for the downtown district. They are working to set up a recreation of the 1908 panoramic photo downtown.

Organization – Metal Recycling Fundraiser is September 13-15. If you are unable to work please contact family & friends for item they may be able to donate. Hot beef dinner will be October 13th at Echo Valley Banquet Center. Serving from 11 am – 1 pm. Main Street will be doing the potatoes again. Tickets are on sale \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Each board member is asked to bring 2 pies or desserts and help work the day of the event. The annual meeting will be held on November 23 and will have a Mistletoe and Merriment theme.

Promotions - Holiday stroll/snowball drop will be December 17. The Block party is September 19. Please come out and support our downtown businesses.

Business Improvement - A possible business recruitment program is being looked at. Possible ideas are pop-up businesses- a business that may only be open during the holidays.

Program Directors report -

Fall Workshop – Mandatory State training will be in LeMars on November 6 and 7. It will be 'One Sweet Dinner', a five course meal including ice cream in every course catered by Well Blue Bunny. There is no charge, but reservations are due to Main Street LeMars by October 4th. Please let Robin know before that date if you plan to attend.

Robin will be part of a panel at the Active Community Design Workshop in Johnston on September 26th. They are covering all of her expenses to speak. She will also be making a presentation to the Iowa Energy Center at their annual meeting on November 5th in Altoona. The Iowa Energy Center is the funder for the film documentary project.

MSWU will have some type of parade entry in the Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 10th.

Motion by Greg Ptacek, second by Erin Heins to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.