

OF09 Planning Meeting 09/17/08 Minutes

At 6:09 AM, Dave Hilbish called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Mayor Patty Fisel, Barb Donley, Matt Kreager, Nancy Fought, Paul Fought, Bob Lord, Dave Hilbish, Mike Weimer, Gene Lightner, Karen LeMire, and Chris Fought. No treasurer's report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chris Fought is still in the process of compiling all of the files, meeting minutes, videos, and promotional material from OF08 into one, easy to navigate CD/ PDF file. Still waiting on a report from River Cleanup and Command Center.
- We were given the okay to umbrella under the Woodland Lakes 501(c)3 as well as the Future Ligonier Alliance 501(c)3. Depending on insurance coverage, it was decided that we would umbrella under the F.L.A.'s 501(c)3. Barb Donley will check on this and finalize.
- The letter drive for the \$500,000 Downtown Ligonier Streetscape grant proved to be successful. Over 100 letters were received in time for the application to be submitted. Wayne Fox thinks we should be pretty competitive and that we have a good chance in receiving it.
- Carol Arnold's house is 100% complete. Alan Beers put in 18 hours and Chris Fought, Matt Kreager, and Dave Hilbish finished installing the storm windows.
- Dave Hilbish and Barb Donley will continue to work on a celebration event for the OF08 Planning Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Administration:

- An election of officers was held. Chris Fought nominated Dave Hilbish for President, seconded by Patty, all ayes. Chris Fought nominated Matt Kreager for Vice President, seconded by Barb Donley, all ayes. Chris Fought nominated Barb Donley for Treasurer, seconded by Patty, all ayes. Patty Fisel nominated Chris Fought for Secretary, seconded by Nancy Fought, all ayes.

Projects:

- Troy Airgood is missing 2 pins for his scaffolding.
- Chad Moser is missing a 4 ft level and Trowel. Chris Fought has the level and will contact him ASAP.

Promotional:

- Bob Lord and Mike Weimer will prepare a promotional/ informational video to be used for the America in Bloom Symposium on October 2-4, 2008. Chris Fought, Matt Kreager, Dave Hilbish, and Wayne Fox will be presenting. Also attending will be Patty Fisel, Jerry and Norma Donley, Jemima Fought, and Tami Kreager.

Fundraising:

- Paul and Nancy Fought have agreed to head up fundraising efforts this year.
- Patty Fisel needs a proposed budget for OF09 to present to the Hagen Foundation in a request for funding. Barb Donley will prepare and send to Patty.
- Karen LeMire is organizing a fundraiser for Volunteer Connections on 10/4 and 10/5 at the Apple Festival in Kendallville. Gene will work on Sunday and Paul and Nancy will work on Saturday.

Miscellaneous:

- Patty Fisel presented an award from Governor Mitch Daniels. As a result of Operation Foundation and the tremendous volunteer activity in the community, Ligonier was recognized as the first Good Works City in the state of Indiana. Be looking for a press release from the state.