

OF09 Planning Meeting 10/15/08 Minutes

At 6:20 AM, Matt Kreager called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Karen LeMire, Barb Donley, Paul Fought, Nancy Fought, Matt Kreager, and Chris Fought. Also present was Dave Hilbish. No treasurer's report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

- We have two options for insurance: we can purchase a one week rider to add onto FLA's policy for \$75 or we can purchase our own policy for year round coverage for \$300. It was decided by the group to go with the full year policy. Barb Donley will take care of this.
- The promotional/ informational video prepared by Mike Weimer worked great for the America in Bloom presentation. Chris Fought also prepared a CD that compiled all of the meeting minutes, promotional items, and other files from OF08 to distribute to other cities.
- Volunteer Connection's fundraiser at the Kendallville Apple Festival raised a little over \$200. Great Job Karen!
- Barb Donley sent a proposed OF09 budget to Patty Fisel to be presented to the various foundations for grant consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Projects:

- Matt Kreager will come up with a list of area contractors in order to garner additional support in this area. We will begin contacting these contractors as soon as possible.

Promotional:

- It was decided by the group that we will create and package our own promotional DVD's rather than having them professionally packaged. This may still be up for discussion at a later date.

Fundraising:

- We will hold our first fundraiser to be organized by Paul and Nancy Fought at the first annual Ligonier Fall Festival. We will be selling Hot Cider and Hot Chocolate, along with caramel apple slices and "Pancake Rollups."

Miscellaneous:

- We discussed some possibilities for rewarding the OF08 volunteers. Some ideas were to have a movie night at the West Noble middle school or elsewhere. Possible movie suggestions are: "Pay it Forward," "The Ultimate Gift." We will have a special meeting on November 5th to further discuss and organize this. Preliminary date to hold this celebration is Saturday, November 15th.

Next meeting to be held at 6 AM on Wednesday, November 5th at Fashion Farm.