



S.T.A.R. (Super Town of Albion Revitalization) Team Committee Meeting Minutes February 13, 2012

In attendance: Beth Shellman, Chris Magnuson, Mary Ann Troutner, Joy LeCount, Kelly Tieman, Phyllis Herendeen, Shelli Porter, Steve Hook, Vicki Jellison, Tammy Luce, and Sherri Auld from Eastern Star.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Steve Hook. The meeting was held in the Cole Room (lower level) of the Noble County Public Library at 813 E. Main Street, Albion IN.

Approval of Jan 13, 2013, Minutes

Steve asked the committee if there were any needed additions or corrections to the Jan 13, 2012, meeting minutes. _____ made a motion to approve the Jan 13th minutes as amended. _____ seconded the motion. Motion carried. (This did not happen at this meeting)

Treasurer's Expense/Revenue Report

Phyllis Herendeen gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance as of the last meeting date (Jan 9, 2012) was \$4,9626.10 (\$4,193.10 forwarded) – General Fund; \$3,893.10 – Mural Fund \$300 + \$100 deposit = \$400; - Façade Grant Account \$0.00). For a total between the two accounts is \$4,293.10. Mary Ann Troutner made the motion to approve. Kelly Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sub-committee Reports

Projects/Design Sub-committee Report— Tammy Luce and Chris Magnuson stated that they had been in contact with new owners of the mural building. Chris has talked with Warren and Jackie Hawk, they are very excited about having the mural on the building. Tammy also gave Phyllis Herendeen a check for \$500.00 from Jim and Linda McCoy for the mural. Chris asked how much has been raised for the mural total, Tammy stated \$4,750.00 with the check she just gave Phyllis.

Tammy contacted Jerry Donley who has hung murals in Ligonier. Tammy is going to meet Jerry here in Albion to look at the building in early March. Jerry will be using shield lag on screws or 3 inch tap-on screws. If things do not work out with Jerry, she has two other contacts.

Tammy also gave an update that Darlene Bender has purchased the omega boards and frame work. She is working in a heated pole barn however, the barn isn't tall enough. It is only 11 ft high. Tammy told Darlene to use top of artist board as a header board or a decorative top so she would not have to cut the tops off. Darlene will paint the tops on the floor.

Tammy also stated she has been in touch with Tower Trophy for the trophy plaque. Further discussion may need to happen for placing a number of characters on a few squares. Some people have very lengthy personalizations they want on the plaque.

Chris Magnuson stated that if we are not ready to hang the mural board we will have to find a home for it until it is hung.

Organization Sub-committee Report—Steve Hook showed the website at this time. He gave visuals and suggestions that can be incorporated. Beth Shellman said it seems very user friendly. Steve presented that this website takes information from old website and incorporates it all in to one website. However, he is running in to limitations with the free website. With free website you only get 15 pages and we are at 8 or 9 and that is without any historical information. Steve said he believes we are at a crossroad where we need to decide to pay for a website. Moonfruit is \$6.00 per month for one website having 500 GB of storage space and has unlimited pages. Hover (Domain) is also going to need paid next month, which is \$12.00 for a year. Beth Shellman motions for Steve to have the go-ahead and to be reimbursed. Mary Ann Troutner seconded motion. Motion carried.

Steve also asked Beth Shellman if there had been any surveys turned in that had been submitted in the news paper. Beth stated that there hadn't been any turned in as of now.

The committee re-talked about the 2013 First Friday information flyer going in with the April mailing, along with the Town's spring clean-up (when they send out the water bill). There needs to be 500 flyers. Beth said as long as our flyers are one-third sheets, they should be able to be put in with the water bill.

Promotion Sub-committee Report—Steve wanted to know if everyone is fine with the sub-committee chairs. The committee agreed sub-committee chairs stay the same but Tammy Luce took over the Project Design sub-committee.

Mary Ann noted that there were chairmen for upcoming First Friday events but needed a couple chairs filled. Worked out that these will be the chair leaders....Gala Dinner— Vicki and Joy will be the chairman. Albion-opoly — Mary Ann Troutner and Steve Hook. Veranda Visits — Vicki and Joy volunteered. Channel Lakes Festival - Tammy Luce and Beth Shellman volunteered. Chili Cook-Off - Beth Shellman and Chris Magnuson. Tailgate Party will be Kelly Tieman and Shelli Porter. Scare on Square is Mary Ann Troutner and Steve Hook.

MaryAnn has Spinners for the Albion-opoly and has template for the cards. She's going to try to keep people with the same color of cards to keep down on printing. Only want to print ones when new cards are added. ** Also have to find new home for items for events. Currently there are possibly two boxes at The Lucky U and that building is now for sale. Chris Magnuson has offered to house these boxes.

Economic Development Sub-committee Report—Phyllis Herendeen gave an update that she had received an email. Gave notice that it was a good thing we applied when we did for Historic Register project, now costs lots more money to apply.

Downtown Inventory

Beth Shellman stated they have done all updates on the Downtown Building Inventory project that they have. Ongoing project is to continuously meet with the downtown owners.

Volunteer Hours from October-November 2012

Steve Hook requested sub-committee chairs turn in their volunteer hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

Indiana Trail 100 Mile Race at Chain 'O Lakes State Park Update

MaryAnn Troutner met with the Indiana Trail board. As of right now, they have 255 runners signed up -158 racers for the 100 mile race and 97 runners for the 50 mile race. Mary Ann stated that the board is considering putting a cap on race of 300 runners because they did not have any idea it would be this big for the first year. At some point there will be a meeting for volunteers to tell them exactly what they will be doing. As of right now, there are 52 people signed up for the spaghetti dinner. As we get closer, we will be given an update. But for the actual racers, you can see the number of people entered for the race on the website.

Being a money maker for us and Eastern Star, both groups will run the concession stand for family/friends and extra people at the race. We are covering the dinner for the runners Friday night. Saturday concessions 5AM – 10PM, and Sunday 5AM – 1PM. Beth Shellman is working on the scheduling -split between S.T.A.R. and Eastern Star. Sherri Auld inquired about how the soups/chili needs to be prepared. We will be working out details as we get closer to the race. Beth Shellman said we will be purchasing salad and dressings in bulk. A decision will need to be made on how we will be handling the garlic toast for the dinner Friday night. Mary Ann stated the deadline for registration for the event is April 17th. We will have our final counts by then.

Joy LeCount sent Steve Hook an update on the Gala Dinner. The caterer and program has been set. It is also the 125th Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone of the Courthouse. Joy and Vicki are planning on incorporating that in to the evening somehow.

Steve Hook stated John Bry who is now the Community Asset Developer, is working on a series of workshops and training. John will be giving us an update on specialized free training.

There is also an opportunity from the Arts Committee. Two programs available for Noble County organizations are the Neighborhood Grants Initiative and the Artistic Project Support Grant. The average grant request is \$2,000.00 and should be matched. This starts after June 2013.

John Bry is also working on starting up a county Main Street round table. If we are interested, we need to let John know and we will then need to send some representatives.

Chris Magnuson pointed out that Steve Hook needs to submit reimbursement for ink and card stock.

Chris Magnuson also proposed that we share the newly purchased sign with the Channel Lakes Festival Group. We would split the \$156.00 cost. The S.T.A.R. will have a 51% interest and Channel Lakes will have a 49% interest. S.T.A.R. will have first dibs. Channel Lakes needs it May 10th and the Sat. of the parade which should not be a conflict.

Chris stated that she purchased the cotton-candy machine personally and will rent it to S.T.A.R. for the week of the Channel Lakes Festival for \$130.00. We are responsible for purchasing our own supplies.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next S.T.A.R. Team committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 6 p.m. in the Cole Room (lower level) of the Noble County Public Library at 813 E. Main Street, Albion IN.

Shelli Porter, S.T.A.R. Secretary

Steve Hook, S.T.A.R. President