



S.T.A.R. (Super Town of Albion Revitalization) Team Committee Meeting Minutes June 12, 2013

In attendance: Chris Magnuson, Kelly Tieman, Shelli Porter, Steve Hook, Vicki Jellison, Tammy Luce, Beth Shellman, Phyllis Herendeen, MaryAnn Troutner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 May 9, 2013, Minutes

Steve asked the committee if there were any needed additions or corrections to the May 9, 2013, meeting minutes. MaryAnn Troutner made a motion to approve the May 9, 2013 minutes. Vicki Jellison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Expense/Revenue Report

Phyllis Herendeen gave the Treasurer's Report and handed out copies for members present. Beginning balance \$4,107.25. Deposits for the month were \$175.00. Paid out \$260. Balance as of tonight is \$3,847.25. MaryAnn Troutner made the motion to accept the treasurer report top half as presented (minus the \$350 payment for mural because it is carried over to next balance). Shelli Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sub-committee Reports

Projects/Design Sub-committee Report— Chris Magnuson gave brief report on the Old Whistle Stop and Sexton building as possible options for the STAR Team to focus on. The owners of the Old Whistle Stop building are going thru the town for a facade grant for which will include a canopy for the front of the building. Chris also noted that Sexton and Associates now own the Sexton Surveyor Building and noted the owners said that awning has not been changed because there is a lot of work that needs to be done on this building. Team expressed wishes to see if they would like to apply for help thru us. Beth Shellman said she talked with Randy Sexton and Randy told her that he would like to take the canopy down and have the STAR Team help with this. Chris said she would talk to the owner about opportunity to apply. Chris also stated the possibility to help with manpower teaming up with the Courthouse Square Preservation; they are helping with courthouse landscaping project. Beth should be able to give us an update on the landscaping at the next STAR meeting. Beth said at the last Courthouse Square Preservation meeting that (because they only meet one time a year), decided that since the STAR Team is a branch of this, that maybe we should ask them to help out on July 20th. Eventually they want to do landscaping over the entire Courthouse Square. Beth said it seemed like this would be a good group to team-up together for some of our fundraisers because they will need funds for the landscape. The "Old" Town Hall is

wanting to apply for a facade grant also. Chris will be getting these 3 owners applications for our 50/50 grant up to \$500.

Tammy Luce will be replacing 18 windows in the Brick Ark Inn. She will be asking for the façade STAR grant also.

Organization Sub-committee Report—Steve Hook gave the update on the website design. He has been working on archiving 71 articles and photos on the new website. The structure on the new site is different than the previous one. He noted it takes more time to get these saved and then uploaded on the new website. He has been making strides to get this completed.

Steve also noted that 3 people attended John Bry's seminar, Noble County Main Street – Economic Development. There was a series of demographic information that was given out. Chris JoHansen is willing to sit down with us to work on economic development for our downtown. It is census information and STAR members thought this information has already been done thru EDC. After group discussion, group decided that we will pass on this at this time.

Promotion Sub-committee Report— MaryAnn Troutner gave update that STAR Team netted \$1,086.45 from the Chain O' Lakes Festival. Phyllis donated a juicer for the lemon-shakeups. Group decided going forward, the chair-person or people should be the people that decide how many people are needed. Chris passed around a list of things needed for the Chain O'Lakes Festival and let team add to it if additional items are needed. Team will be getting some coolers to be able to have for the team since the team seems to be doing events like this. Team also agreed that it would be best to bring schedules to meetings a couple months before to make schedule. Chris Magnuson also passed around the manual for the cotton-candy machine to ensure good life of machine and for clean-up.

MaryAnn Troutner also noted for next year, the 100 Mile Race will be April 26th and 27th of 2013.

MaryAnn added updates for Albionopoly on July 5th. Needing some assistance from team on follow-up calls because letters went out today (June 12, 2013) for deadlines. Follow-up calls will be made when Steve and MaryAnn email STAR Members with a list to each individual of whom to call but exclude Chris Magnuson from this. Also needing people to help get prizes (Shellie Porter volunteered for prizes) and silicate for getting teams to participate.

July 25th for the Fire Department, MaryAnn Troutner, Steve Hook, Vicki Jellison and Shellie Porter will be present to man-power this event. We will provide sno-cones for this event. Fire Department is paying for all of our supplies because they do not want us to charge for this event. Team decided on working from 12pm to 2pm. Beth later this week informed us that Phil from the Fire Department wants team to be available until 5pm. Steve volunteered to stay until 5 if need be since no other groups are available to help.

Vicki Jellison gave update for Veranda Visit that will be taking place on Aug 2, 2013. At this time there are 4 homes confirmed to participate. Looking at 4 to 7pm but will be discussing that with home owners tonight at meeting. Should be ran like last year. Tickets will be \$10.00 and please encourage everyone to participate. Unique Boutique will also be a place to purchase tickets along with the two banks in town and the New Era. Update for 2014, already have 2 home owners committed to be a part of the Veranda Visits for 2014.

Economic Development Sub-committee Report—Phyllis Herendeen – Received an email from Kurt Garner. Kurt informed Phyllis that things are moving along faster than anticipated and should be hearing something in a few weeks.

Downtown Inventory - Nothing to cover at this time.

Volunteer Hours -Steve Hook handed out volunteer sheets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Hook spoke briefly on 2013 Projects, Planning, and Advertising Campaign. Added a few things that we talked about at previous meeting. We will table this until we have more time.

Shay will be coming to talk to the STAR Team at the next meeting (July 11) about the Albion Downtown Master Plan. This will be for grants on Indiana Main Street Designation. They are seeking us out. Try to get more people involved that have participated with us to come to this meeting.

Steve gave results from the 2013 Survey. 36 surveys were turned in. Various results, people said they didn't know about it, they just don't attend stuff like that. On positive note, got 3 volunteers that are interested in participating.

Jon Brye can sign up two members to gain access for the website from the Main Street. Beth Shellman will be one of the people.

Kevin Driblebliss called Steve and asked if he wanted to be there to speak for the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Steve accepted so he could talk about the STAR Team and what we do.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next S.T.A.R. Team committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 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