

FREDERICKTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Regular Meeting – Thursday, August 3, 2017, 7:45AM

Fredericktown Local Schools Board Room

Attendees: Matt Chrispin (Trustee), James Hobson (Trustee), Bethany Celmar, Melanie Earnest, Brad Ebersole, Katie Frazier, Andy Fox, Dick Gray, Dan Humphrey, Rick Lanuzza, Terry Randall Margaret Ann Ruhl

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:45AM.

President Hobson welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Hobson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held July 6, 2017. Mrs. Grubaugh so moved and Mrs. Frazier seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

In the absence of Treasurer Paul Mayville, President Hobson reviewed the financial reports. The Foundations' Main account began July 2017 with a balance of \$208.01. A payment for \$40 was noted for the website management leaving a final balance of \$168.01. He acknowledged the small balance, but reminded the group of the possibility of a pending refund of over \$1000 from the USDA.

The Tourism account began July 2017 with \$3,821.85 (General \$2,553.48, Fredericktown Merchants [FM] \$980.00, Farmers' Market \$288.37). The FM received \$135.31 and expended \$305.50 leaving a balance of \$809.81. The Farmers' Market received \$40.00 increasing the balance to \$328.37.

Mr. Lanuzza moved to accept the financial report as reported, Mrs. Ruhl seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Frazier reporting for the FM lauded the great turnout at the Christmas In July event evidenced by the crowd and consumption of 170 snow cones and 210 bags of popcorn. In addition, Inner Church collected \$887.00 in cash donations and 318 cans of food. Planning for next year has already begun.

Mrs. Frazier added that Inner Church has collected \$4242.00 in donations to be used for back-to-school supplies.

Mr. Hobson reminded the group of an opportunity to work with a design specialist on signage and/or brand for the downtown.

Mr. Hobson clarified that Tourism would not appear as a separate item on the agenda. All items related to tourism will report out under the Fredericktown Merchants.

Mr. Hobson reported the following during the President's Report:

- Paving projects in the village are complete. The few remaining sidewalk and curb installations have yet to be finished.
- 4 seats on the Village Council will be contested in the November election.
- There will be a gap between the village leaving the aggregation system and going into a new program.

Highlights from the Open Forum:

- Mrs. Grubaugh advertised an Employee Retention Training to be held September 26 from 8AM-12PM. The cost is \$50. Contact the Chamber or Bethany Celmar for more information.
- Mrs. Grubaugh invited attendees to the New Educator Breakfast to be held August 10 at 7:30AM in the MVNU Dining Hall.

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- Mrs. Ruhl shared information about a meeting held by Mark Shinaberry about the Fredericktown Community Center funds. She mentioned a Columbus television station was pursuing the story and had contacted Dr. Elder. All shared concern about negative publicity for the community and supported an effort to bring Shinaberry, Elder, and FCDF together to develop a united, positive response and perhaps to work together on what to do with the funds. Mr. Hobson volunteered to contact Dr. Elder and Mr. Shinaberry.
- Additional comments regarding the Community Center:
 - Mr. Humphrey inquired as to whether or not Scott Smith was still involved with overseeing the Community Center funds.
 - Mrs. Earnest inquired as to how the Community Center group was different from FCDF. Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Fox explained that there is little structure to the Community Center group and that FCDF provided an avenue for the Community Center group to collect funds without applying as non-profit entity.
 - Mr. Gray and Mr. Ebersole reiterated the importance of bringing all parties together to form a positive message and have discussion about next steps for the funds.

Mr. Hobson is going to ask Jeff Harris to contact the Neighborhood Design Center for additional copies of their proposed plan for the downtown improvements.

Hearing no further business, Mr. Hobson adjourned the meeting at 8:38AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew W. Chrispin
Vice President