

FREDERICKTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 3, 2018. 7:45 AM
Fredericktown Local Schools Board Room (“Old High School”)
Minutes recorded by Bruce Snell, FCDF Secretary

Monthly meeting was called to order by President Bill Van Nostrand at 7:51 AM.

Mr. Van Nostrand welcomed those in attendance and requested a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Fox made a motion to approve, Bruce Snell seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Van Nostrand introduced Mark Dumbaugh to give a summary of insurance coverage provided to the FCDF by Dumbaugh Insurance Agency, located on Chestnut Street here in Fredericktown. Mark also explained several insurance options for the FCDF to consider in the future and also new challenges facing the insurance industry. Nicole provided the Treasurer’s Report. The General Fund revenues were approximately \$1,600, with around \$1,100 in monthly expenses. The balance in the General Fund right now is around \$3,000, with the bulk of that being from the Quilt Show. The show generated around \$1,135 in revenue from the Quilt Market. Nicole also shared some other balances and will provide a written report at the June meeting.

Village Administrator Bruce Snell indicated that the Village planted twenty-eight red maple trees throughout the Village in an effort to beautify the main route into and out of town. The local FFA Chapter assisted the Shade Tree Committee, along with the Village staff, in planting these trees in observance of Arbor Day.

School Superintendent Matt Chrispin indicated that the Class of 2018 has graduated ninety-nine percent of its students, more than any recent classes at FHS. Secondly, Mr. Chrispin will be attending the FFA Convention in Columbus today where two former FHS students are running for state office. Lastly, the Ohio Historical sign, recognizing Fredericktown as the “Home of the FFA Jacket,” has been delivered to the school and will be dedicated during the 2018 Fredericktown Tomato Show. Neil Overly will be present as well, as he is the only known student from 1933 when the first FFA jackets were issued. Bruce Snell made the point that, although most schools may strive to leave no students behind, Fredericktown has a proven track record in making every effort to ensure that each student has every opportunity to succeed in their academics at FHS.

The Quilter’s Market will be held on April 14th at the Fredericktown School Commons at 10:00 AM. There are now thirty vendor booths with about twenty-five quilts that will be on display. Volunteers are needed to assist vendors to carry material in and to carry them out after the event.

Fredericktown Merchants’ Association is working on the Christmas in July event, which will be held on July 7th.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this event may contact Katie Frazier or Bill Van Nostrand. Bill Van Nostrand indicated that he is working on an FMA membership roster.

Melanie Earnest indicated that she will be working with Bill in putting together an update on the Membership Committee’s efforts in attracting more interest to the FCDF.

The Communication Committee has been working on the FCDF website in an effort to clean the website up and make it more user friendly for anyone wanting to know about the Fredericktown business community. The goal of the website upgrade was to simplify the website and require less work to navigate through it.

Mr. Van Nostrand indicated that the Fredericktown Historical Society is meeting Monday evening and they really need help in the way of funding and volunteers. Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Historical Society, on the NE corner of the Public Square.

Also, Mr. Van Nostrand indicated that a task force is compiling data from the previous four revitalization plans and putting together a list of goals and an action plan of sorts to share with the FCDF in due time. Next month the task force should have a Power Point presentation ready to present to the FCDF.

The meeting was open to discussion of miscellaneous items at this point.

Dick Gray indicated that the Knox/Licking Area Goodwill in Fredericktown will be hosting the “Business After Hours” event at the store on May 15th. The store is also celebrating their first anniversary with a sale on May 15th.

Melanie Earnest indicated that the First Friday group in Mont Vernon is no longer holding a car show with their event. Melanie will follow up with a gentleman from the car show community about bringing the cars to Fredericktown. The point was made that for a car show to be successful, businesses must be open so people have something fun and fulfilling to do after they look at the cars.

Mr. Van Nostrand indicated that the meeting might be a little longer next month as a draft of the downtown revitalization efforts will be presented.

Brad Swihart indicated that, as he is President of the Lions Club, he would like to invite anyone interested to join the eightieth anniversary celebration of the local Lions Club on May 21st at Fredericktown United Methodist Church.

Bruce Snell indicated that the Community Garage Sale will be held on May 5th and Spring Dumpster Day will be held on May 12th and will be open to Village residents only.

Paul Mayville indicated that he will review the insurance information and get back to the group in regards to insurance coverage.

Mr. Van Nostrand declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.