



Fredericktown Community Development Foundation, Monthly Meeting – Minutes for Thursday, January 5, 2017, 7:30 a.m., Fredericktown Local Schools - Board Room.

Trustees in attendance were: Matthew Crispin, Jeffrey Harris, James Hobson and Paul Mayville.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:34am.

Mr. Hobson apologized for starting the meeting at 7:30am, having forgotten that the Treasurer, Paul Mayville, cannot join these meetings until 7:45am. Future meetings will begin at that later time to best accommodate Mr. Mayville’s schedule.

Mr. Hobson welcomed guests to the meeting, which included Alisa Burnside, Lisa Snyder, Kerry Reeds and Isabela Gould from the Neighborhood Design Center.

Mr. Hobson opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes of the Foundation’s Annual Meeting of November 3, 2016. Jim Fox moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Crispin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hobson then turned over the floor to Ms. Burnside from the Neighborhood Design Center. She and her team then reviewed the downtown Fredericktown revitalization study. [Author’s note: a copy of the “final” version report has been distributed with these minutes.]

Mr. Hobson thanked the Neighborhood Design Center team for their work. Mr. Harris noted the downtown study can now serve as the planning document to accompany any grant requests that may be prepared to help finance downtown Fredericktown improvements.

Mr. Hobson mentioned the press release that had been prepared to announce the USDA grant of \$10,000, and the Community Foundation grant of \$2,500, to assist in the downtown study effort.

Mr. Hobson then asked for community updates. Carol Grubaugh noted the Chamber’s Annual Dinner would occur the following Friday at the Kenyon Athletic Center in Gambier. Of the three nominees for the Small Business Award at that dinner, two companies were from Fredericktown. [Author’s note: Fredericktown-based Buckeye Stoves won the Small Business Award at the Chamber Dinner.]

Mr. Mayville provided the attendees with a financial report for year-end 2016. He thanked both Joan Stout and Judy Divelbiss for their input and assistance in keeping the FCDF’s books in order. The Tourism Committee’s year-end 2016 balance was \$2,278.33. With the receipt of the Community Foundation’s grant, the FCDF’s general account balance at year-end was \$5,682.01.

Andy Fox moved to approve the financial report, Mr. Harris seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Divelbiss reported on the activity of the Tourism Committee. The quilt raffle brought in \$848 in revenue, and she was very pleased with that outcome. She then asked, for the good of the order, whether the intended quilt show date of Saturday, April 15, on Easter weekend, was a good idea. There was no objection made to the suggested date. Mr. Hobson asked that any needs of the Tourism Committee as to the quilt show be raised early and often, so help could be provided by the FCDF.

Bruce Snell noted that downtown parking was restricted in the Village from 12 midnight to 6am.

Mr. Chrispin noted that vendors' bids would be opened on Monday, January 9, to resurface the track.

Bill Van Nostrand noted the Fredericktown Merchants' Association is very excited by the Neighborhood Design Center's work, including the use of way-finding signage in the community. Mr. Mayville noted the struggle involved in getting downtown stakeholders to attend scheduled meetings and events; he hopes more downtown business owners can and will attend future events.

Chief Roger Brown noted his work to restore the community's cemetery. He would be leading a group of volunteers on January 19 at 6:30pm to make repairs and improvements to the grounds.

Mr. Harris thanked the Neighborhood Design Center for their professionalism and high quality work product. He then updated the attendees on the status of the Fredericktown Industrial Park as it inches towards "certification" – not yet obtained – under the JobsOhio "SiteOhio" program.

Hearing no further business, Mr. Hobson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Harris
Secretary