

Heart of the City
June 8, 2009
Annual Membership Meeting & Potluck
Café Carpe

Present: JoAnn and Howard Moon and granddaughter Grace Stanley. Debra Gatzke, Carl Zentner, Richard Miller, Cynthia Holt, Bill Camplin, Paul Hable, Anders Yocom, Ann Engelman, Libby Jones, Kitty Welch, John Ottow, Elaine Dorough-Johnson, Mary Linton, Kathy Kauffman, Leslie LaMuro, Beth Gehred.

Started at 7:30 pm.

Minutes were approved.

Paul Hable nominated Beth Gehred as President. John Ottow seconded. Beth is president.

Kitty nominated Karen Reinhardt as V-P. Her main duty is to help programmers keep programming on track. Camplin seconded. Voted unanimously.

Anders Yocom nominated Paul Hable as treasurer. JoAnn Moon seconded. Voted in unanimously.

Secretary – Amy Lutzke. Co-secretary – left open. Kathy Kauffman nominated Amy Lutzke. Bill seconded. Voted in unanimously.

Paul Hable gave the treasurer's report. Beth moves to approve; Cynthia seconded. Approved unanimously.

We are going to try to re-up memberships each year to coincide with Earth Day. Around tax time, anyway.

We need a chair for Ed & Out. Chris Spangler has given us a forum for the blogspot. Karen Drydyk and Kitty are willing to continue as co-chairs. Ed & Out each committee will take charge of a September meeting.

Government Relations – Bill Camplin will be on the ad hoc committee for the riverwalk. Want garbage cans along the riverwalk. Should have reflective tape on them for nighttime use. Methodist church is getting a \$58,000 new parking lot. Hold an event in it. Bill will continue to chair and Matt Loup.

Projects – Joan and Jill are not here. Matt Loup and Shawna? Kleinschmidts?

Fundraiser – new membership form. Rock the Earth \$280 raffle auction. Karolyn Broehm organized. Let's capitalize on that for next year.

Leslie led a discussion: What do you think of our new schedule? Potlucks on alternative months and programming. Cynthia Holt wonders if the movie series isn't missed. It brought in new people. Guest speakers bring in new people. Potlucks don't really, but solidify our base and peripherals. Mary Linton

and Bill Camplin voiced in favor of the potlucks. Potlucks were successful on community building among members. Free downloadable version of movie HOME may be a good outreach to do.

Here is last year's template for how meeting planning went:

September would be Ed & Out planning the meeting.

October would be a kick off potluck. Perhaps with a meeting.

November Public Policy

December - Winter Market

January – Potluck

February - Projects

March – VP's choice

April – Earth Day

May – Treasurer's Choice

June – Annual Meeting

Leslie reads from our 2008 Accomplishments. A few additions were added. She'll amend and post to website.

Howard Moon would like to suggest a possible project. He'd like to see Haumerson Pond's (which is half city park and half privately-owned) bank repaired. Part of the bank between the park and river eroded and now the east ponds become mud flats. Way back when, Chuck Strand, city engineer poured a cement plug. This didn't work. Howie Moon has been asking the city to repair the bank. They only had a \$20k budget for the whole park. They said the DNR said not to touch the bank. Howard would like us to do something about it.

Richard Miller wonders if we could do something for the families of veterans serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. It was suggested that we invite them to the next potluck.

Announcements – Beth will add all her verbal ones to InfoBits. Kitty reminds that the last input/public session for Glacial Heritage is June.

Next General is second Monday in September, Sep. 14, 2009.

Board will meet in August.

Move to adjourn at 8:30pm. Paul Hable. Mary Linton seconded. Voted unanimously. Everybody left happy.