

**Heart of the City Board Meeting
November 19, 2008
Dwight Foster Public Library
Fort Atkinson, WI
7 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present: Kitty Welch, Mary Linton, John Ottow, Amy Lutzke, Kathy Kauffman, Beth Gehred, Joan Callan

Call meeting to Order: VP Mary Linton called the meeting to order 7:10

Approve minutes: Ottow, Kauffman

Board of Directors Report-

Presidents Report- President was unable to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report- Paul's report indicates that we have \$2,831.51 in the treasury.

Ed & Out Report – Press releases should be sent to Melissa Wagner at the Daily Union. Her email address is mwagner@dailyunion.com. Amy will provide contact info for various media to members of this committee.

Government Relations Report – Loren Gray will run again. He would like volunteers to collect signatures. Davin Lescohare is also running. Charlie Barr and Jude Hartwick were already mentioned. Kitty suggested that the Government Outreach person submit written requests to the City Council or County Board on issues where we want to take a stand.

Projects – Grants for an EI Community 25X25 Plan

<http://power.wisconsin.gov/section.asp?linkid=1238&locid=131>

Kitty spoke with Dennis Kuckenmeister about it after the general meeting. He is on board with this and may be able to be the point person for Fort Atkinson. She also spoke with John Wilmet and Lorin Toepper from MATC. She will continue to encourage them to meet on this plan.

Visioning Report- no report

Fundraising Report- no report

Programming Report – no report

Food Pantry aid from HOC – Paul Hable sent \$500 this week. Thanks Paul!

Community pot lucks – January 12 is scheduled to be our 1st community potluck. Kathy reported on the pancake breakfast done by Winter Garden that she went to in Waukesha. The group thought it would be a better idea to try to connect this group directly to churches in our area rather than trying to be in the middle. We will do a regular potluck on Monday, January 12 at the Café Carpe. We will invite the Fort Atkinson Garden Club, the Friends of Allen Creek and the Friends of Rose Lake. Everyone who is invited will be asked to bring a dish to pass. Our agenda

will include discussion on these questions: Tell us about a recent success you have had. What are current challenges for your group? How would you like to be involved in our Earth Day celebration in April? Amy will work on the wording of an invitation and send it out to the group.

Web site: The Web site could perhaps be simplified by eliminating some things that need to be more timely. Resources will be changed to reflect local resources only. Members will send their suggestions to Amy. We will drop Committees. Amy & John will meet on Dec. 2 to go over the site.

Adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Lutzke, Secretary