

R.O.Y. July 8, 2008 Minutes

The Revitalization Of Youngsville Organization held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at the Youngsville Public Library; Nancy Holmberg, President, presiding; John Shaughnesy, Secretary Pro Tem, recording.

Members and guests in attendance: Jim Osborne, Ellie Dunn, Kathy Reitingner, Sonia Probst, Jean Zock, Barb Luce, Jim Farr, Helga Laibacher, Anita Cohan, Joanne Oviatt, Cathy Brown, Gary Franklin.

Nancy Holmberg convened the meeting at 8:00 am, by asking for any new-comers to identify themselves. Danielle Elchynski, new owner of Heaven Scent Flowers and Gifts, did so.

Minutes of July 08, 2008: There being no additions or corrections, Nancy Holmberg declared the minutes approved as distributed.

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Sonia Probst, second by Helga Laibacher, to authorize payment of Warren-Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council Invoice 15424, in the amount of \$6,000.00. Motion passed.

Nancy Holmberg declared the Report of the Treasurer accepted and to be filed, pending audit.

Report of the Organization Committee: Helga Laibacher reported that \$400 was received from Y A B A Days Rummage Sale; that many t-shirts / hats / visors are available for sale; that many Raffle tickets have yet to be sold; that many volunteers are signed up for manning the Corn Central tent.

Jean Zock added that 600 is the minimum number of Raffle tickets that need to be sold in order to cover all the prizes; that 428 have been distributed; and that only 200 – 300 have been sold to date.

Nancy Holmberg announced that phase II (Construction) of the StreetScape begins August 22 and runs through December 31.

Report of the Economic Restructuring Committee: Sonia Probst reported that the committee met with representatives of the Musarium, and that local efforts are under way to raise \$100,000, to be matched by millions of dollars from national corporations.

Report of the Promotion Committee: Anita Cohan reported that radio and newspaper advertising has been set for Warren, Jamestown and Erie, at a cost of \$2643 (of which \$1,250 has been collected from businesses); that restaurant placemats have been distributed locally; and that members of the Council on the Arts have volunteered to man booths at the Corn Fest.

Cathy Brown reported that the 2008 CornFest schedule of events is set, and that posters are ready for distribution.

Cathy Brown reported that volunteers are ready to build 2 stages (of plywood and 2 x 6s, each in two sections of 4' x 8') at a cost of \$218 each for treated lumber. By common consent, the matter was tabled to the September meeting.

Jim Osborne reported that Main Street from the East/West/North intersection to Bates Street will be closed Friday from 6:00 pm till midnight, and on Saturday from 8:00 to 10:30 am and 12:15 to 9:00 pm, and from the East/West/North intersection to Davis Street (for the parade) from 10:30 am to 12:15 pm; that dumpsters and cans will be distributed throughout the CornFest venue; and that Penelec is scheduled to provide electrical drops.

John Shaughnesy reported that he will be doing a live radio interview, with two of the turkey-calling judges, on the "Grizzly Gary" Show, Sunday, August 17, 8:00 am on WKSJ – AM 1340.

Barb Luce reported that the Children's Theater Workshop had the youngest group of

participants (17 kids, ages 6 to 12) in its three-year history; that the production realized profit of \$379; and requested that the CTW be added to all promotional material in future years.

Report of the Design Committee: Joanne Oviatt reported that “Night Out / Lights Out” gathering with Congressman Phil English and State Representative Kathy Rapp will be Sunday, August 17, at 7:00 pm, at Island Park; and that despite the energy-conserving nature of the event, lighting electricity will be on at the picnic pavilion, if only to make sure no one gets injured in the dark.

Joanne Oviatt further reported that a public meeting on StreetScape, presented by E G & G will be Tuesday, September 09, at 7:00 pm, at Youngsville High School; and that “rehearsal” for participants will be Monday, September 08, at 7:00 pm, at Youngsville High School.

Motion by Joanne Oviatt, second by Barb Luce, that the first phase of StreetScape construction be designated for Railroad Street (including all four crosswalks) to Main Street and from the eastern end of the Brokenstraw Creek bridge to Bates Street. Motion failed.

Motion by Jim Osborne, second by Sonia Probst, that the first phase of StreetScape construction be designated for the intersection of East/West/North Main Street to Bates Street, excepting the Brokenstraw Creek bridge (unless and until appropriate and necessary approval documentation is received from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, in which case the bridge will be included). Motion passed.

Joanne Oviatt reported that the Allegheny Artistry Co-op will hold its first open house, on Friday, August 15, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, with herself as the featured artist.

Nancy Holmberg adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.

John S Shaughnesy
Secretary Pro Tem