

R.O.Y. November 11, 2008 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:00AM with Nancy Holmberg, presiding. 20 in attendance. Nancy stated that the purpose of this meeting is to gather ideas to move the group forward into 2009, learn what the four committees are working on, and election of officers for 2009. She gave a brief review of the organizational structure and a handout of committee responsibilities was passed out.

Brief introductions were made as each person introduced themselves.

The secretary's report was read, approved and placed on file.

The treasurer's report was circulated and placed on file.

The group divided into 4 groups to brainstorm how to move ROY forward into 2009, by discussing 3 things you think that we have done right as ROY and one thing that you think might help the group run more smoothly into the future.

After the small group discussions each group shared ideas and Cathy recorded these on a flip chart.

Ideas of what we do right as ROY included: maintaining interest in ROY with good communication including being in the Borough newsletter and community spirit; following the structure of Main St. design; being open to new ideas and thoughts with input from the public; promotion of Youngsville with good activities and advertizing; 200+ members; having a positive plan with public input for the community – public gardens on East end of town; ROY has identified what makes Youngsville unique; and working with larger organizations – grants and planning, i.e. part of Artesian trail, Heritage community.

New ideas to move toward the future included: hire a professional to help with promotion of CornFest; start to see improvements in the community i.e. business appearances; fund raising activity such as having a 'high end' raffle; avoiding committee overlap and confusion with better communications between committees; and involve all members of ROY by committees having a plan of what needs to be done then contacting people to assist with a specific job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DESIGN:

Joanne reported that the committee has no new project right now with ongoing work on Streetscape. Grants are being written.

ROY Christmas party scheduled for Dec. 13th at Allegheny Artistry at 6:30PM. There will be a donation toward food not to exceed \$10. It will be catered by Cathy Brown. It will be a buffet like set up. Reservations and donation due by Dec 4th during Simply Christmas. There is a need to know how many so that food can be prepared.

PROMOTION:

Anita reported that advertizing is out for events for next year and that plans are underway but not finalized for Simply Christmas, Dec. 4th 6PM-8PM.

Helga reported that the bake sale on election day was a great success and planning to have again next year.

ORGANIZATION:

Nominations for officers for 2009 were accepted. All current officers are willing to serve in same office with the exception of Secretary. Nominated for secretary to share position are Dawn Thomas and Delores Stec. Opportunity was given to nominate from

the floor. There were no further nominations from the floor. Barb Luce moved to accept the slate of officers as presented and Cline Adams seconded. Slate of officers approved.

Elected Officers for 2009:

President: Nancy Holmberg
VP Asset Enhancement: Sonia Probst
VP Promotions: Anita Cohan
VP Design: Joanne Oviatt
VP Organization: Helga Laibacher
Treasurer: Gary Franklin
Secretary: Dawn Thomas and Delores Stec.

Nancy proposed that each officer mentor someone to learn the office and to help move ROY to the future.

ASSETS ENHANCEMENT: no report this meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Farr stated that at the Council meeting a question was raised regarding the large sign at the East End of town. Joanne stated that ROY is involved with the flower bed and a welcome sign will be placed there. The large sign was not something that ROY addressed. Jim reported the Council discussed having the sign resurfaced. Secondly a rumor came to Council that ROY would not be having CornFest next year. Nancy will address in the Borough newsletter that there will be CornFest next year.

Suggestion was made to have a Mystery dinner which was forwarded to the Organization committee.

Steve Morris requested that a representative from ROY attend the REC committee meetings to act a liaison to improve communication. Cline Adams volunteered.

The outing to see Bradford streetscape will be next spring.

Next ROY general meeting will be Tues. January 13, 2009 at 8 AM at the Youngsville Library – Installation of Officers and continue to put together a strategy for 2009.

Adjourned 9:30 AM
Cheryl Gruber
Secretary
