

BETHEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 10/4/2007 Meeting

Kirk White opened the meeting at 6:30 at the offices of Paradigm Consulting. The minutes of the prior meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurers Report: Sue reported that the checkbook balance was \$3138.73. The Economic Development fund stands at \$3257 for a total of \$6396.24 cash on hand.

The current membership stands at 58 as reported by Geneva

Old Business

.The holiday decoration meeting/party will be on 10/18 at the Brick Store. Geneva will put a notice in the BBA page and Heidi will send an article to the Herald. This will be a "pot luck" dessert event and Heidi will supply hot beverages.

Heidi reported that the flower baskets are now down and there is a balance of approximately \$900 to be carried over to next year. A total of \$3249.95 was received in donations for the project this year.

Rick provided a draft of the BBA inventory list for the members to inspect. Some additions were mentioned and Ellen provided a list that was made prior to the first White River Valley Festival. All of the information will be merged and finalized for a master list to be completed soon.

The downtown parking lot clean up held Saturday, Sept 22 was a great success. Thanks to all who gave time to this project, with special mention given to Ellen & Larry Nobile for their exceptional hard work.

New Business

Matt Washburn agreed to head up the 2009 Home & Garden Show, with supervision from Ellen and Beverly.

After reviewing the "Hall to the Wall" plan originally proposed by the Committee on the Downtown in the mid 1990's, Kirk commented on the how far the project has actually come. He will speak with Mary Anderson about writing an article on the subject to publicize the accomplishments to date.

A downtown banner/informational signage concept was discussed and members were encouraged to continue to think about ways to better advertise the downtown area.

It was reported that the Town Hall Renovation Committee has initiated an 1892 club fund raising campaign. The drive commemorates the original construction of the building in

1892 by encouraging people to donate in amounts that have any combination of the number "1892" in them.

It was also mentioned that an informational meeting will be forthcoming regarding the possible establishment of a fiber optic network through out the central section of the State. More information will follow as the members are advised of the details of this proposal.

The next formal meeting will be November 7 at the Paradigm Consulting building. There will not be a second meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Benson, Acting Secretary