

CLAYSVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

November 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. 17 members were in attendance.

MINUTES: - were reviewed and approved with no changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: was provided and accepted as read. Balance as of October 31 - \$1434.36. Previous Balance \$1634.36. A check was paid to the McGuffey Senior Center.

CAPRI –November 14, 2011. Discussions were held on the following:

- Current bylaws allow 9 directors. Letters were sent to community businesses asking for others to be directors. Rico Vespa made a motion that Jay Dutton, Aleta Richmond, and Ross Bevevino be the CBA representatives on the Board of Directors for CAPRI. Motion seconded by Susan Moser. Approved
- There are still 3 more directors needed.
- Ross requested that that the CBA email contacts be given to Reita in order for her to send minutes and invites.

DUTCH FORK LAKE – Work is still in progress. The Buffalo Creek Watershed and the State Fish and Boat Commission have formed a coalitionThe Western PA Conservancy held a landowners symposium to discuss the issue of sediment in the lake and ideas for its removal and use. It will be 2-3 years before people can fish the lake depending on the size fish stocked.

A discussion ensued regarding the silt and where to move it to. Soil testing is needed, but costly. A question was asked about whether the rails to trails program could be included in the lake renewal. They are trying to get a handicap fishing pier and trying to work on amenities such as picnic areas, parking, etc. It was suggested that Cabelas, Gander Mountain, Dick's Sporting Goods and others be contacted as sponsors (i.e., Cabela Pavillion).

ADMIN BUILDING – The project is finished. The Re-Development Authority will have a grand opening. Diane Adams has requested office space.

COUNCIL OF CHURCES

- The Presbyterian Church now has an interim pastor – Dr. Jerome Creach. Chuck Edgar was the representative for the church. Contacts are Claypres@verizon.net, 114 Green St. Claysville, PA 15323
- The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at the Presbyterian Church

The Methodist Church Relay for Life Bingo will be held on October 22. Churches will be doing a Christmas Nativity scene for the Christmas Parade.

There was a lengthy discussion about the Byers Market closing. Rick Newton has purchased PAP's old building. There will be some retail downstairs and office space upstairs. There was continued discussion about boroughs razing blighted properties which increased the value of other surrounding properties.

Shirley Smith provided a report about the meeting she held in October with businesses and ideas garnered from that meeting. The purpose was for local business people to bring more business to their business as well as others. It was agreed that Claysville needs to become a destination place. The Rails to Trails program was mentioned with the park acting as a rail head of sorts for bicycle riders to access the trail. Dutch Fork Lake will become a larger attraction once it is completed. It was suggested that Claysville needed to have uniformity of facades and that there should be an emphasis on history. This led to Andrew mentioning that the old Hensel house bakery/café would have historic photos displayed on the walls and that he needed additional photos to copy for framing. The cost of bill board from Lamar is \$900 a month with a 12 month contract. Diane Adams knows of material that is good for painting and \$500 would purchase enough for the size bill board needed. Diane can paint on the board.

Andrew Yetters family has offered the use of their land which is adjacent to Rte 40 and the Interstate 70. This is still in the planning stage.

Kathy brought up the role CBA plays in support of businesses and whether it is about businesses and income for businesses. Shirley Smith announced that she was initiating a group specifically to pursue programs that would enhance the businesses and their possibilities for greater income. The meeting will be held on October 28 at 8 a.m. at her house. Everyone is invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M., The next meeting is December 20, 8 a.m. at the Huddle House.

Katherine Prescott