

DELTON AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

March 18, 2009

The meeting of the DABA was called to order by President Tom Scofield at 8:00 am. in the Barry Township Hall meeting room.

Members present:

Tom Schofield, Patrick Buckland, Lin Hough, Sharon Keck, Rodger Hough, Becky Kahler, Jill Owen, Wes Kahler, Doug Hartough, Bernie Kuiper and Dee DeFields, Nancy Pasche, Jennie Osgood, Drew Chapple, Cheryl Bowers, Cindy Vujea.

Approved minutes: Minutes of the Feb. 18, 2009 meeting were approved as emailed out to the membership.

Treasurers Report: Given and approved. There is \$837.99 in the General Fund, \$687.99 in the Banner beautification fund and \$2027.29 in the Savings, for a combined total of \$3552.34.

Communications: None

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Barry County program honoring top students in Barry County: Patrick had not heard back from Deb Hatfield as yet.

Update Thornapple Arts Council: Nancy reported that although they were not able to secure Ken Morgan's jazz group, Joe LaJoye had arranged to have a group from Western Michigan College. Cheryl spoke that the Delton Friends of the Library have authorized \$500.00 and would appreciate co sponsors by other businesses. Delton Family Pharmacy has agreed to \$100.00. Motion by Lin, seconded by Patrick to also give \$100.00 as a co sponsor. All ayes, motion carried unanimously. The Jazz concert will be held at the Delton District Library on Sat. April 17, 2009 at 7 pm.

Update Barry County Economic Alliance Board: Tom noted he had submitted his paperwork and was waiting to hear back from them.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual DABA meeting: Members discussed the meeting and decided on Apr. 21 at 6 pm. at Legends. Patrick will make the arrangements with them. Please make your reservations at the April 15 DABA meeting or by responding to this email. If you reserve.... we expect that you will be there. Spouses or a guest are welcome.

Delton Area Clean-up: Clean up day is May 30th from 9 am to when the bins are full. This date coincides with the Barry County Hazardous Waste clean up at the Fair Grounds. Motion by Becky, seconded by Drew to pay up to \$250.00 to help defer the cost. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

DABA Scholarships: Sharon read the criteria for applicants to apply. Motion by Drew, seconded by Lin to offer one scholarship of \$500.00 due to the cost of books. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Support of Athletic Boosters Fundraising Event: Tom explained that the Delton Athletic Boosters were having a fundraising event to help fund all school sports, at the Comfort Inn in Plainwell on April 18, 2009 and are looking for a prize to raffle off. Delton Rotary was looking to co sponsor a prize of a dinner and/or a night. Check out our Website <http://www.delton.org/>

at Bay Pointe. Motion by Becky, seconded by Sharon to go 50/50 with Rotary up to \$100.00. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker: DABA member, Cindy Vujea, Superintendent of Delton Kellogg Schools spoke to the group about the current events and activities in the community concerning the schools. She expressed that making cuts were necessary due to funding, and a very tough decision to make for our school board, and at this time, the school board is only looking into their options of ways to cut spending. Cindy stated that we need to all make a personal commitment to our schools and get behind our school board and support their efforts in these economic times.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted:

Linda (Lin) Eddy-Hough

Calendar of Events:

Apr. 15: Delton Area Business Association, 8:00 am. at Barry Township Hall.

Apr. 17: Jazz Concert at Delton District Library at 7:00 pm.

Apr. 18: Delton Athletic Boosters Fundraiser at Comfort Inn in Plainwell

Apr. 18: Delton Rotary Annual Auction Fundraiser at the Old Athletic Boosters building behind the Moose.

Apr. 21: Delton Area Business Association annual meeting, 6:00 pm. at Legends in Delton