

## **DELTON AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

September 16, 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, John Gores, Becky Kahler, Wes Kahler, Bernie Kuiper, Dee DeFields, Cindy Vujea Cheryl Bowers.

**Approved minutes:** Minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting were approved as emailed out to the membership.

**Treasurers Report:** Given and approved. There is \$867.06 in the General Fund, \$687.99 in the Banner beautification fund and \$2030.72 in the Savings, for a combined total of \$3610.77.

**Communications:** Thank you were received from CASA for KIDS, Inc. for our support with their Golf Scramble and Kellogg Community College for our scholarship for Andrew Chapman.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Barry County Economic Alliance Board:** Tom reported there is still avid interest in the South West Michigan Trails meetings. Also the Gun Lake Tribe will be hosting a Ground Breaking ceremony tomorrow, Thursday, Sep. 17 for the new Casino.

**Flags for Downtown Delton:** Discussion. Tom reported that the committee had been working with Bernie about getting flags/banners that could be mounted on the light poles. Wes was getting the proper permissions needed. Barry Township would be in charge of the flags/banners and DABA, Delton Founders Festival and Rotary would share in the placing them out. They would stay up all year. Barry County Telephone Company has located the previous banners and so we could alternate flag and banner on the poles. John announced that there would be a Flag burning ceremony on Veteran's Day Nov. 11 at 6 pm. at the Williams Gores Funeral Home. Flags can be dropped off prior to the day.

**Delton Founders Festival:** Lin reported that despite the rain on Saturday that caused most events to cancel, that Friday was a great success. She thanked each and every business who continued to support Delton Founders Festival very generously. Wes reported that the Rib Fest was a huge success despite the rain, with 7 participants and that it would be back next year.

**Coffee Fundraising Project:** Discussion. Cheryl noted that she had ordered 50 bags to sell at the Library and that a popular request was for the beans and or decaf. It was suggested that when we submit the proposal to the businesses, then we should ask which they wish to order. It was determined to have sampling at Delton Hometown Christmas with deadline to order by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and delivery at the Dec. DABA meeting. Lin to get letter/order form to Sharon for mailing.

**Signage for Delton Events:** Lin reported that Willie Sager will attend our October meeting to discuss the sign.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Check out our Website <http://www.delton.org/>

**Delton Hometown Christmas:** Discussion. A committee of Becky, Cheryl, and Dee will be meeting on Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at the Library. Anyone wishing to join the group is welcome. A chairman will be determined at that time.

**Barry County Chamber of Commerce Website Link:** Lin noted that she would send Larry Kroes the information to have him make any commitments. Larry is the Delton.org webmaster which covers the Delton organizations. Lin also informed everyone that Oct. 15 there would be approximately 6 Ribbon cutting ceremonies for Delton Businesses.

Wes gave an update on the progress for the Barry Township Police Chief. They had received 11 applicants. They hope to have one of them as Chief by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Guest Speaker:** None

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted:

Linda (Lin) Eddy-Hough

**Calendar of Events:**

October 21<sup>st</sup> : Delton Area Business Association, 8:00 am. at Barry Township Hall.