

OWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

P Susan Allen
P Greg Browning
P Mikel Coulter
A Dennis Hennen
P Maggie Huff
P Margaret Real
P Jo Rodgers
P Jim Ventresca

AGENDA:

7:30 Call to order

- Approval of Minutes - The March minutes were approved as written.
- Jo will begin posting meeting minutes on the web site with these April minutes. The minutes will be posted after their approval in the following month's meeting.
- Matt Greeson's title for his presentation at the Annual Meeting is, "All About the City's Income Tax Proposal". Matt would also like for OWA to give an endorsement for the Income Tax Increase proposal.
 - Mikel commented that he believes that our purpose is to educate and did not advocate endorsing the tax increase.
 - Maggie and Margaret commented that they thought our endorsement would be a good way to show our support of further economic development within the city.
 - Jo moved that OWA provide the City of Worthington with an endorsement of the Income Tax increase proposal. Maggie seconded the motion. The one 'no' vote was Mikel, therefore the motion passed.
- Jim will contact Nancy about the Historic District status. We are outside of the 45 day period given to act on the application, so we should have information soon. Greg will call Phil to follow up and Jim will also call Barbara.
- Annual Meeting
 - Susan will run the slide projector for the meeting.
 - Greg will write a check for the Scholarship to Rachel Webb.
 - LaChatelaine sponsored the meeting again with a \$50 sponsorship.
 - Mikel has provided the information on the award winners to Jim and Jim will generate the certificates.
 - Margaret narrowed the applicants for the scholarship to 3 individuals - all with excellent GPAs (above 4.0) and extracurricular activities. However, one of the 3 did not have a career goal matching our target student, narrowing the list to the remaining two. Of the two, Rachel Webb was selected. Rachel has more class hours with a similar GPA. She is involved in numerous activities but one of the most notable is that she won an award in a national writing contest sponsored by the History Channel. She was one of 31,000 applicants. Jim moved that we

accept Margaret's recommendation to award the scholarship to Rachel. Maggie seconded the motion. All present were in favor of the motion.

- Margaret would like to review the scholarship and see if it is appropriate to alter the amount of money awarded in our scholarship. She would also like to discuss how to encourage more applicants. The group decided that the May meeting would be dedicated to this subject.
 - Each Trustee will deliver the flyers and Lanterns to a quadrant of Old Worthington.
 - The Annual meeting is April 29th from 7-9 at the Worthington Inn.
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- List of Causes for Action (from 9/22/08 meeting - included for information purposes only)
 - 752 Building - Work with the City to help locate tenants, ensure historic preservation, and ensure economic common sense in the management of this building
 - Completion of the Historic District Application process
 - Move the Architectural Guidelines from merely guidelines to requirements where appropriate while still allowing for uniqueness and flexibility in the process.
 - Parking - Proactively ensure that Old Worthington has sufficient parking, most likely in the form of a parking garage, to continue to support the businesses and regular public use of this area.
 - New business - The next regular meeting will be held on May 24th at 7:30 at LaChatelaine.

9:00 Adjourn

Submitted by Jo Rodgers