



Minutes of the Blossburg Visions in Business and Entertainment Monthly Meeting
September 23, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
12 members were present.

- The meeting was moved to the main pavilion on Island Park at the last minute. The keys we had for the Kiwanis Building didn't work.

Administration Information

- Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Regular Checking: \$3671.68
 - Scarnatti Grant: \$3519.39
- Bills to be paid
 - Insurance
 - Electric for the events sign - (2 months)
 - Shane Nickerson – Reimbursement for Skateboard donated to the B.E.S.T. auction.

Design

- Façade Improvement account balance
 - We are holding checks for Blossburg Fire Department and First Citizens National Bank. Account balance is at \$0.00 after writing all checks.
- Approved Applications
 - Blossburg Fire Department - New sign is complete, waiting for the installation.
 - First Citizens National Bank – Clock to be painted soon.

Promotion

- Communications
 - Barb is doing a great job with the News and Views column in the Wellsboro Gazette.
 - The Mountain Air magazine has a two week deadline to get events listed.
- Farmers Market
 - We have about 4 vendors. They all seem to be doing quite well. Tonya invited the Blossburg and Mansfield Farmers Market vendors to set up shop the morning of the Fall Festival and the table fee would be waived.
- Community Garden
 - It's getting time to wrap everything up for the season. People are clearing out their gardens, so if you haven't yet, it's time.

- Skate Park
 - We were hoping to have the work started by now, but there was a delay in the paperwork. DCNR now has all the paperwork needed from Larsen Design and work is expected to soon.
 - Insurance will be about \$700 per year to cover the Skate Park. V.I.B.E. will be looking into possible fundraising initiatives.
- Walking Trail
 - Tonya McNamara gave information to Borough Solicitor Pat Barrett about land usage agreements. We haven't heard back yet. On hold while information is being researched.
- Wireless
 - The outdoor wireless node at Toddler U. may have failed due to the storms that rolled through the area last month. Josh Jones to contact Brendyn Stager to get his outdoor node to replace it. Bloss Hardware is donating additional internet access to the network which should help with coverage.
- Fall Festival – October 24th, 2009, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - The Coal Festival Committee was unable to organize the Fall Festival this year due to scheduling conflicts and other commitments. Blossburg V.I.B.E. has stepped in to continue this great Blossburg tradition.
 - We've held 2 planning meetings at the Brick which has graciously allowed us to use their back seating area to get organized. We've created a new web page on Blossburg.org at <http://www.blossburg.org/fallfest> to help get the word out as well as find interested vendors, volunteers for planning and working, and to keep everyone up to date.
 - Current events planned: Food, games, arts, crafts, Scarecrow contest, pumpkin painting, and hopefully some musical entertainment. Businesses, organizations and individuals are welcome to take part in the festivities. Vendor applications can be found on the website as noted above.
 - We're also encouraging downtown businesses to stay open a bit later, hold sidewalk sales (for retail stores), and take advantage of the increased traffic that day.
 - Jackie Smith is the Fall Festival Action Team Leader and can be contacted at 570-404-2752 for additional information and vendor applications.
- Placemat/Newsletter
 - Tonya McNamara is working with Heidi Jones on updating the Blossburg Business Directory placement and to write a newsletter. Please e-mail changes to Tonya at mcnamara@epix.net by October 7th.
- Community Yard Sale
 - The 2010 Community Yard Sale date has been set for May 22, 2010 – The weekend before the Coal Festival.
- Pool Assoc 5k Race
 - The Pool Association had 24 runners for the 5k race. V.I.B.E. drew names at the meeting to give away the t-shirt we received for our donation.

Economic Restructuring

- Sarah (Gilkinson) Nevins – <http://www.insanart.com> - is starting work on the Riverside Plaza façade rendering. She is targeting the January 2010 meeting to have it complete. Sarah spent quite a bit of time working on the initial façade design for the first phase of our grant funding.

The original work turned out so well that many building owners used her rendering as a template for the work completed on their buildings.

Organization

- Sent a letter of support for Tioga Partnership to DCNR for a GPS equipment grant.

New Business / Announcements

- Bloss Sporting Goods is now open – Across the street from the ATM at First Citizens National Bank.
- Toader's Pizzeria will be holding their grand opening this Saturday, September 26th.

Meeting concluded at 7:05 p.m.

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