

Triangle of Opportunity Minutes
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Thursday January 27th 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Village Office, Deer Creek, Illinois

Attendance

Karl Eschelbach , Mary Eschelback, Lynn Rudin, Neill Keneipp, Bruce Otto, Andrew Wise, Susan Pyles, Matt Hurley

Minutes

Motion made by Karl Eschelbach, seconded by Lynn Rudin, to approve minutes from the December 2nd meeting, and carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report

Balance \$7,077.35, no activity during the month of January. A motion was made by Neill Keneipp, seconded by Susan Pyles, to approve the treasurer's report, and authorize officers to be set up the signature card at the bank, for any one of two officers to be authorized to make deposits, sign checks, etc. – that being the treasurer and the president. Carried unanimous.

Other financial: Annual Dues

Statements will be sent out by mail and/or email to each community by Mary Eschelback. They will be due March 1st, covering calendar year 2011.

Business Summit Report

The Summit will be held Saturday, April 2nd 2011. The committee gave an update, including the proposed schedule (see attached). It was also discussed and agreed that the Triangle of Opportunities would have a booth set up and perhaps presentation, featuring our purposes, communities involved, explanation of our key strategies, reference to our web site, and perhaps providing a tote bag for Summit participants with appropriate Triangle Logo, web address, etc. imprinted on the bag.

Triangle Communication

A summary email from Pam Talley to Brad Glenn with a response was provided, outlining progress to date of Pam's work in building out the Triangle of Opportunities facebook page. Pam was asking some questions, including who the contact person for Triangle would be, and thereby who should view and approve a page and ads. Susan Pyles volunteered to be the contact person

Triangle Website

Each community is to review their web page and report any needed changes, updates, etc. to [??]. Considerable discussion held as to possible replacement of Web Master and we will hope to receive proposals from the party(s) that Andrew is working with.

Other Business

Election of officers for 2011: Motion by Susan Pyles and seconded by Lynn Rudin, to approve the following slate of officers as duly elected for 2011: President: Andrew Wise; Vice President: position open; Secretary: Neill Keneipp; Treasurer: Mary Eschelbach. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jess Slagel will be contacted to consider the Vice President position

Triangle scholarship committee: Update provided by Julie Grey and Neill Keneipp. See attached report. Report included a draft of a summary flyer application for a scholarship, and letter to superintendent and scholarship coordinator. Following the discussion, Neill was authorized to continue working with Julie along the lines as reported.

Triangle goals, 2011

Andrew presented a draft of possible goals. Attendees and other community representatives are to review and forward suggestions to Andrew

Triangle meetings scheduled for 2011

See attached. Andrew presented a tentative schedule for 2011. There were two changes made thereon. May 26th will be in Morton instead of Mackinaw, and July 28th will be in Mackinaw instead of Morton.

Annual Dinner Meeting

Discussion held. Neill will contact Gil's Restaurant for the site of the meeting, with social time 6:00, dinner at 6:30 PM, Thursday, March 31, 2011. Some suggestions as to a speaker included Dale Risenger, Illinois Senator, and Bill Mitchell, State Representative.

Community Updates

Morton: Website is under major revision/improvement. Plans have been unveiled for school facility improvements, and a downtown development study in under way.

Deer Creek: Are rejuvenating the welcome kit. The water tower should be in service in June.

Mackinaw: DuMont Manufacturing has closed, but a new business has opened, Classic Blend (interior decorators); upgrades are underway for water main

Minier: The Library is in their newly renovated and improved facility. A new welding and fabrication shop will open on Rte 122.

Olympia School District: Had a significant visit from the Heartland College President, and a significant current project is recruiting hiring to replace retirees.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 24th, at Olympia Administration Building board room.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Otto, Co-Secretary Pro Tem