

Triangle of Opportunity Minutes

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Date/Time: 06/30/11 - 7:00 pm

Location: Idlewood Park Pavilion
Morton, IL 61550

Attendance

Brad Glenn, Andrew Wise, Jess Slager, John Birky, Susan Pyle, Karl and Mary Eschelbach, Matt Hurley, John Replogle and Neill Keneipp

Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting, held 5/26/2011, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve by Brad Glenn and seconded by John Birky. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Report

Co-treasurer Mary Eschelbach gave a report showing a balance of \$7,0256.77. Motion by John Birky and seconded by Brad Glenn to accept the report was made. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Updates on Previous and On-Going Business

Executive Committee Update: There has not been a recent meeting held. Andrew will schedule a committee meeting in the near future.

Bicycle Tour Information

Brad and John Birky have mapped out the August 6, 2011 route which will start and finish in Tremont at the park along Route 9. Rest stops will be on the east side of Morton, Deer Creek, Goodfield, Mackinaw, and Kentuckiana before finishing at Tremont. Registration forms will be placed on the Triangle web site and Mary will put out an initial press release.

New Business

Members present were asked to be thinking of topics and or speakers for upcoming meetings.

Andrew indicated that Bruce Otto will be sharing some ideas for getting some "new blood" (ie new members). All are reminded that we need to keep asking others to join us.

Brad Glenn gave each member a copy of the current by-laws and the operating guidelines and asked each member to examine the documents and provide feed back at a future meeting.

In terms of funding our scholarship, several ideas were presented. Brad will check on a paint ball raffle. John Replogle suggested a pancake breakfast before an event held in the local communities (before some of the Fall Festivals for example). Andrew talked with the CornBelters about a fund raiser next year.

Community News and Upcoming Events

Deer Creek

Town wide garage sale and clean up day was held. Many in the village are "sprucing up" their properties. The new water tower is nearing final stages of preparation prior to going "on line". The new street signs have been installed. The plant sale was a great success and Mary thanked Jess and his business for the assistance given. A village garden walk was held and plans are under way for next year.

Hopedale

The hospital building is preceding but at a slow pace. The land fill opened a new cell. A pancake breakfast is being planned.

Minier

Construction on a new home in Johnson Heights has begun. The welding shop along route 122 is undergoing remodeling and should open soon. Minier Alignment has a new owner. First Farmers State Bank is adding new office space adjacent to the existing facility. A small engine repair shop opened at the site of the former Warsaw gas station. New traffic signs are being installed in the village. Corn Daze is coming August 7. The cemetery walk, sponsored by the Historical Society, is planned for mid August.

Tremont

The annual Turkey Fest was successful and drew a good crowd. Tremont High School's Baseball team took 4th place in the recent state tournament. Recently a triathlon was held in the village. Work is being undertaken to establish a Veterans Park and the committee is looking for items to place in the park. John Replogle suggested using the Conklin Theater for our usual Spring event.

Morton

On August 5 and 6 Morton will host a Kansas City barbeque fest as a Cancer Care fundraiser. Also on August 20 the Proctor Cycle event will come to town. Susan thanked Jess and his business for the help in doing the uptown flower baskets. A study is now being done to test the waters for an indoor water park. The park is planned to be privately funded and operated. On August 21 a meeting will be held to discuss plans for the downtown area.

In other items, Jess suggested the triangle adopt a flag to be used as a means of identifying our group at various functions.

Next Meeting: Thursday July 28 in Mackinaw (location to be announced)

Brad Glenn moved and Susan Pyle seconded a motion to adjourn. All members voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Neill Keneipp, Secretary