

# **Triangle of Opportunity Meeting Agenda**

Date/Time: 8.29.2013 – 7:00 pm

Location:  
Township Building  
Hopedale, Illinois

## **Attendance**

Present: Karl and Mary Eschelbach, Don Maurer, Jess Slager, John Birky, John Replogle Matt Hurley, and Neill Keneipp

## **Recognition of guests, visitors**

Minutes, prior meeting        John B made a motion to accept the June minutes. Mary seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Treasurer's report            The beginning July balance was \$8,606.59. Income from the TOOC tour was \$995 with expenses of \$264.08 The ending balance for the end of July is \$9,337.51. Note additional bills have been or will be submitted. John R made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. John B seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried

## **Updates on Previous and On-Going Business**

Reflection on 2013 TOOC Tour Some riders left comments on how to better get the word out to the area riders for next year. It was decided to start the advertising early in 2014 (around March). Morton was suggested as a host for 2014. A follow up by Mary and others will confirm this. If this is agreeable, a start location in Morton will be determined.

Presentation of TOOC Tour money to Down Syndrome Association Mary moved and John B seconded a motion to donate \$300 to the Downs Syndrome Association. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Focus Forward CI The was no new update on this group. A web site does exist and information is available there.

Website Suggestions Karl gave a suggestion to Matt for the home page of the web site. In a related matter, Brad Glenn will be contacted in regard to the Facebook account. This account needs to be kept current if it is to be of any benefit to the Triangle.

## **New Business**

Phone Numbers A list of cell numbers was made and will be distributed later.

Annual Meeting Location (Gil's Closing)? With the upcoming closing of Gil's possible sites for the spring meeting were offered: the Palms in Atlanta, Main Street Grill in Minier along with sites in Morton.

Some possible speakers for regular meetings were offered: Cathy (from Mary) from the University of Illinois (housing); someone from the Midwest Food Bank

### Community Updates

- Deer Creek
- the South Main Street project grant has been sent to Springfield
  - Titan Metal wants to start a business in the Industrial Park a grant would be used to improve streets for this
  - 2013 street maintenance is under way
  - school is in session
  - Madison Street Hot Rod is close to opening its business
  - the fire department training facility is complete
- Minier
- the Minier Tap suffered major fire damage with no injuries to patrons
  - Gil's Country Inn will be closing by the end of August
  - street maintenance has been completed
- Tremont
- the Bridge the Gap project (to raise funds for the school) netted about \$100,000
  - Cullinan celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on property of its founder the company is in its fourth generation of leadership
  - 2013 street work has been completed
  - part of the village hall has been renovated
- Hopedale
- there will be a town hall type meeting to be held in Minier (9/9/13 at 6 PM) in regard to upgrading Stringtown Road from Hopedale to the McLean county line
  - the B wing of the hospital has been taken down and major construction will begin later this year.
  - CLA is starting its 6<sup>th</sup> year of operation and has a new student from Dunlap
  - the landfill is doing well
  - Caseys is now open 24 hours a day
- Danvers
- Danvers Days was recently celebrated and had an appearance of the Stanley Cup
- Olympia
- the school year has started OHS enrollment is 562

**Next Meeting:** September 26, 2013 **Morton, IL** – 7pm (location to be determined)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Neill Keneipp