

# Triangle of Opportunity Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: 6.27.2013 – 7:00 pm

Location:  
Dixie Restaurant  
McLean, Illinois

## Attendance

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

**Recognition of guests, visitors**      Gay Birky, honored guest

Due to absences, Neill opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

Treasurer's report      The beginning June balance was \$9,376.59. Two expenses were presented: Kython Web services for \$270 and ICC (scholarship for Caleb) for \$500. John B moved that these expenses be paid. Jess seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. With no income for the month the ending balance is \$8,606.59. Mary 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

TOOC Tour update: Lynn gave Mary an update on the ride.  
Parking for the ride will be at the Grade School.  
Lynn has made arrangements for the food in Mackinaw

John B will do the sag wagon and will ask John R to assist.  
John B will contact Chris Heiser in regard to insurance coverage.  
Karl gave out rest stop signs.  
Rest stops are planned for Tremont, Hopedale, Minier and Stanford  
Any expenses for rest stops can be submitted to the triangle

Mary reported that she has submitted articles to news outlets in the area  
Local bike shops are receiving registration forms.

Heart of Illinois Downs Syndrome Association: Mary/Karl will check with Matt in regard to the New Logo

Old business; Don had asked a few meetings ago for a letter/statement to be used to help explain to the Hopedale Betterment the function(s) of the triangle. He indicated he did not receive the letter. Mary will resend the letter. Don asked if someone from the triangle could attend the July Betterment meeting. No decision was reached on the attendance to that meeting.

## **New Business**

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the existence of the Triangle of Opportunity. It appears that some communities are struggling with the issue of maintaining/recruiting leadership. Hopedale and Minier are looking at consolidating existing service groups/village to carry on the goals of each group. Mary stated that in Deer Creek, for example, successful groups are the result of “seeing a need” and responding.

### Community Updates

#### Deer Creek

- the Madison Street Hot Rod has started construction
- the fire district will construct a fire training facility
- an outdoor storm shelter (patterned after Parson's) is planned by the fire district
- the fire department is conducting a recruitment drive
- a community wide Bible School is being planned
- the local Baptist church has an interim pastor
- village government is doing “fine”

#### Minier

- the new police vehicle (Ford Explorer) is now in service
- MEDCO, the Kiwanis Club and the Village are looking into sharing the duties of Medco
- Corn Daze will be held August 4

#### Morton

- Slager's Landscaping will be doing the downtown street plantings

#### Hopedale

- the hospital will be starting construction a July 4 ground breaking ceremony
- the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration will be held in the village park
- CLA (Christian Life Academy) has completed its 5<sup>th</sup> year and will sponsor
  - a Bible School program led by members of the home church of
  - Principal Horning

**Next Meeting:** July 25, 2013 **Mackinaw, IL** - 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Neill Keneipp