

Triangle of Opportunity Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: 5.23.2013 – 7:00 pm

Location:

Deer-Creek Village Hall
Deer-Creek, Illinois

Attendance

Present: Matt Hurley, Karl and Mary Eschelbach, Susan Pyles and Neill Keneipp

Recognition of guests, visitors no guests or visitors present.

Minutes, prior meeting the minutes for the past meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report Both the months of April and May were presented by Mary. The April report showed a beginning balance of \$9,793.38 with no income and expenses of \$ 416.79 (\$165 to Susan Pyles for IIRA Registration fee and \$251.79 to Gil's for the spring meeting). This gives an ending April balance was \$9,376.59. There was no activity for the month of May, thus the ending May balance was \$9,376.59.

Mary made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Karl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Updates on Previous and On-Going Business

Spring Dinner Meeting Summary – Thoughts/Improvements/Location?

Matt recently ate at the Palms in Atlanta and indicated the food was good but not great. Gil's seems to be centrally located and could serve again as the site for next spring.

Focus Forward CI

Mary reported the all reports for Focus Forward should have been in by April. The next meeting will be in July. Susan reported on a committee that informed area employers and human resource persons about the resources available to future business employers seeking to locate in this area.

Update on Triangle Scholarship Information

The 2013 scholarship was awarded to Caleb Seaton from Morton High School. Ten students applied. Karl and Mary assisted Neill in making the selection. A certificate was given to Caleb and Mary volunteered to do an article on this award.

Triangle Bike Tour Updates – Next Steps/Set Deadlines/Media/Confirm Route?

The 2013 ride will be held on August 3 with the start at Mackinaw. John Birky and Matt drove a route and will have a map ready for registration. The route will be in the 45 to 50 mile range. Matt will check with Lynn in regard to a publicity flyer and Mary will do a press release. Karl moved and Susan seconded a motion to make a donation of some of the proceeds of the ride to the Down

Syndrome Association. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Rural Development Grant Opportunities (USDA Website)

Matt included in the packet some of the grant opportunities. Ask for the packet if interested.

Hopedale Betterment Letter

At the request of Don Maurer, Mary sent an information letter to the Hopedale Betterment Association outlining the activities of the Triangle. Don had indicated the Betterment Bureau needed to more fully understand the working of the triangle. Those present thanked Mary for this informational letter.

Community Updates

Deer Creek

New businesses in town. Madison Street Hot Rods from Morton is relocating in Deer Creek. This new business does classic car restoration. Also a steel fabrication shop, specializing in small item has moved to Deer Creek. The former Hofmann Auto Body shop is now being rented. A vacancy still exists on the village board and this will be filled by an appointment by the village president soon. A widening of Main Street is being considered. The Safe Routes to school project is nearing completion. The local library fund raiser, the plant sale did not appear to be as profitable as in the past few years. Trees are being planted in the village park.

Minier

The annual town wide garage sales were held on May 11. The village is completing its grant application for funds to do infrastructure work at the new park site just west of the village. The due date is July 1, 2013. Olympia West Elementary will have a new principal, Matt Nordstrom replacing Dr. Nichole Rummel who is assuming her new duties as curriculum director for the El Paso Gridley school system.

Olympia

Dr. Andrew Wise will assume the duties of Superintendent of the Olympia School District. Josh Olson has been hired as an assistant superintendent. The girls softball team, the boys baseball team and some members of the boys track team are still competing at the state level.

Morton

Morton has a new mayor. The Morton Plaza (an issue during the recent election) may have a new location. The village of Morton has recently received some FOIA requests from Ken Simmons. It appears that his tactic is to test the system of dead lines for responding and may file lawsuits. Other villages have has similar issues with this person. Susan wanted those present to be aware of this and be alert. The work on I74 and I155 in and around Morton has started. This is to be a two (at least) year project with major traffic disruptions for both locals and those just passing through. Susan mentioned that there will be over 40 events from now until September happening in Morton. She will be one busy lady. Groveland will hold its first pioneer days event soon. Idlewood Park has a new "stage" to be used for performances.

Danvers

Danvers held their garage sales recently.

Next Meeting: **McLean, IL** - Mount Hope Township June 27 @7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by Neill Keneipp