

.U.I.L.D. Minutes
November 7, 2006

"Ideas are funny little things.
They don't work unless you do."

Anonymous

Members and guests present: Terri Scholting, Dee Arias, Kari Wockenfuss, Todd Ray, Mike Krambeck, Allison Gifford, Brenda Sherman, John Plucknett, Kitran Geise, Evelyn Hans, Denise Nashleanas, Paul McManis, Heather Weidemann, Betty Heard, Stacey Schmidt-Cottrell, John Harrington and Jeanne Anderson. Guest present: Rick Setchell, Margaret Stamp and John Winkler.

The minutes from the October 3, 2006 meeting were read and approved. The treasure's report of \$2,934.00 was also approved.

Margaret Stamp was present from the Bellevue office of Habitat for Humanity, which is the closest location to Louisville. She distributed information and gave a brief talk, including history and goals of the organization. She also stated ways that local businesses can help through equipment and monetary donations and through volunteering.

John Winkler attended to encourage the BUILD group to show support for a ball complex proposal in Cedar Creek at tonight's village board meeting. He stated the concept of the project and answered questions regarding the same.

Old Business: Terri reported that she had spoken to Don Bellino regarding the fireworks display for Louisville Daz 2007. The cost will be approximately \$3,500 and Ed Kasl has given permission for the event to be held on the school football field after the Alumni Banquet. Terri will report back final details at a later date.

Spotlight Business of the Month: Stacey Schmidt-Cottrell from Jalepeno Designs was in the spotlight. She stated that she and her husband have been running the business out of their home in Louisville since October 2000. They do signage, t-shirts, promotional products and graphic design. Stacey answered several questions from the members about her business.

Welcome Committee: Jeanne Anderson has taken over this committee for Carla Knott. She is still working on getting organized. Evelyn Hans, working with the residents of the Assisted Living Facility have agreed to prepare the welcome bags. One ribbon cutting took place in the last month at Blake's Pharmacy with new owner, Kitran Geise.

Events Committee: Dee Arias reported that Ringing in the Season plans are well under way. She gave a rundown of the schedule. Flyers were passed out for the Christmas Tree Lane. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers. Members were asked to bring cookies or treats wrapped in 50¢ bags to sell. The school has generously offered the use of the elementary entryway for the gingerbread village display and a Holiday "Stop and Shop" for in-home businesses. The carriage rides will also be loaded at that location. A formal dedication of the Lynn Berner-Smith flag at the city office will be at 3:00 on that same day.

Economic Development Committee: John Plucknett reported that he is excited to see the existing businesses on Main Street staying open with new ownership, for example, Blake's Pharmacy and Art Chicks. He also talked about the micro-enterprise presentation last week by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development that will benefit some businesses with tax credits. John also said that a Bridge Commission may be formed to revitalize the Plattsmouth Bridge which is vital to economic growth in all of Cass County.

Presentation Committee: Joan Payne has asked to step down from this position because of time factors and a replacement has not yet been elected. Terri reported that Evelyn's son, Travis, is going to work on the lights and Bob Cople has donated a tree for the holiday season. John Harrington suggested that maybe Maureen Gulizia might be interested in chairing this committee again.

Marketing Committee: Lexie wasn't present but she has been working with Nancy McManis on advertising for Ringing in the Season. TV, radio and print ads are in the works for the event.

New Business: Election of officers was held. Terri, Dee and John all agreed to serve another year in their offices and all members approved unanimously.

A special thank you goes out to Dana Jensen, the high school industrial arts teacher who made the scissors used for the ribbon cuttings. A gift certificate for him will be purchased as a thank you.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be **December 5, 2006** at the Louisville Assisted Living Facility.