

IRVINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOC.

MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL FOLLOWED MEETING

A meeting of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce/Village Improvement Association was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2009 at The Tides Inn, Irvington, VA.

Those in attendance were: Jill and Larry Worth, Kathleen and John Pollard, Susan and Gene Edmonds, Michelle Lybarger, Michael and Liliane Merrill, Jeff Arnold, Bob Hardesty, Diane Cook, Dermot McNulty, Dr. Bob and Fran Westbrook, Kate and Dave Raffetto, Skip Ferguson, Denise Robertson, John and Jane Cole, and Lee Hood Capps. (Total: 22)

Attending the Christmas Social after the meeting were: Tom and Marsha Chapman.

Larry Worth called the meeting to order at approximately 6:08 pm. He asked for approval of the October minutes, which had been emailed to members prior to this meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurer's report was presented by Michelle. She stated a balance on hand as of October 28, 2009 of \$18,899.17. The balance as of November 18, 2009 was \$20,891.02. To date, vendors' fees were \$15,608.00. The Turkey Trot sponsors total \$2,400.00. To date, Turkey Trot entries total approximately \$2,905.00. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Michelle also reported on the status of the Turkey Trot to be held on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. She has over 225 registrants to date and anticipates additional entries from now until Thanksgiving morning. The Town office will be open on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, to handle pre-registration participants. Shirts, plaques and medals were ordered and have arrived. Michelle indicated she needed someone to pick up the cases of water and food from Tri-Star on Wednesday. The Tides Inn sets up the refreshment tables and we provide the food for the runners. Several of the members volunteered to assist with the food pick up. Michelle will advise volunteers of their duties for the Trot and everything else seems to be in place for the races.

Liliane Merrill reported on the final 2009 Farmer's Market, which will be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Approximately fifty vendors have indicated they would be there. Liliane will not be here (sigh), but all the paper work will be organized and on hand for the volunteers who are working that day. Marybeth will have all the clipboards, pens, bags, etc. Liliane will email a chart of the vendor layout to all members the day prior to the market. Each volunteer will need to print the chart and bring it to market.

At this time, Larry reported that two fire pits had been purchased from Sears to be used at the Farmer's Market to warm vendors and volunteers in case of a cold, damp, dreary day. One will be placed near the gazebo and the other near Garner's Produce or the backstop area. Larry shared that the fire pits would be "for sale" after the market. However, Jill advised Larry that only ONE would be for sale, and at that moment, Fran Westbrook raised her hand and purchased the other one. This prompted Dr. Bob's response: "Do we really need that?" End of conversation!! Fran got her fire pit. Dr. Bob will also furnish "hand warmers" if needed for all the volunteers.

Market set up will be on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and the usual suspects are: Bob Hardesty, John Pollard, Larry Worth, Gene Edmonds, Dave Raffetto, Skip Ferguson and Jeff Arnold. If I have left off anyone, sorry, just plan to be there.

Susan Edmonds discussed cleaning up and weeding the Commons area and triangle prior to the Turkey Trot. Kate will handle the triangle area and she asked for 3 or 4 others to check the tennis court area and sidewalk along King Carter Drive for weeding and refreshing the mulch around the daylilies where needed.

Under other and old business, Larry reported that he recently signed a contract for purchase of the new shed for the Commons. The porta-poties will be removed after the market and the shed will be placed in that area. Randall Kipp will advise us of the paint color for the shed. At this time, Gene Edmonds shared that it was time for VIA to embark on a capital project for next year. He asked members to give some thought to this project and report at our next meeting, which will be scheduled after the first of the year.

Our annual Christmas Social immediately followed this business meeting, which is why this meeting only lasted approximately 17 minutes. (This may be a record!!)

There being no other business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kathleen Pollard for Marybeth Sisson