



April 2, 2008

Attendance: Connie Perhach Opulent Source Kevin Montgomery Grinders
Linda Calderone RCCADV Rachael Foster Crème de la Crème
Bill Cyrus Mona Lisa Café JoAnn White The Cellar Room
Vicki Ellis CNB Mike Browne CPA
Karen Conley RCPL Ryan Adams CNB
Stephanie Barnes Advertiser Randy Davies Horizonview
Beth Todaro Lloyds Sweet Shop Brenda Drietzler Bookworld

President Connie Perhach called the meeting to order. Ryan Adams handed out the treasurer report. We currently have \$2486.01

New Members: Benson Law Office, Citizens Bank, Poland House, Tomlinson Insurance, Mona Lisa's Café, Sandra McAllister Insurance

Connie mentioned that we need to decide if we are going to move the Christmas Open House date. After discussion it was decided to keep it the weekend before Thanksgiving even though it is the Michigan game, those at the meeting felt it should be kept the same because most people know it is on the weekend before Thanksgiving. JoAnn White said she would notify the Visitors Bureau so they could put it on the calendar of events.

Randy Davies was here to discuss the First Capital Rotary First Thursday Events. They plan in cooperation with the Majestic Theatre. June is Pizza, July is Wings and August is Taste of Chillicothe. This year the August event will be on Aug 16th due to the fair. They are open from 5-8pm in the courtyard by the Majestic and on Second Street. Streets close around 3pm for the band and beer wagon to set up. There is a \$5 admission charge that entitles you to one sample from each restaurant. He said they want it to be a family event. It was suggested that maybe the Downtown Associates rent a bounce bounce for kids and charge admission as a fund raiser or do something for kids. Randy said we were welcome to have fliers or coupons at the registration desk. We also said maybe we could coordinate a first Thursday in September since Rotary doesn't do one due to their involvement in the Easy Rider Rodeo.

May Day Event: It was decided to plan a Relay for Life Fundraiser for the May 2-3 Event to focus on Breast Cancer Awareness.

So far we planned:

Selling Pink Rose Bushes at selected shops JoAnn White

Pink Bows around town to draw attention to Breast Cancer Awareness Ryan Adams

Kevin Coleman doing historical tours 11am-4pm Paid \$50

May Day Pole and possible Dancers from Ms Elizabeth

Sales

Possible Mothers Brunch or Lunch at the Restaurants Mona Lisa or Grinders

Window Painting by School Art Dept. Karen Conley

Stephanie Barnes said she would contact merchants to do an ad in the April 27th Advertiser.

Please contact Connie at Opulent if you plan to participate 772-2030 or cperhach@opulentsource.com

There was a discussion on how to get more merchants to attend the meetings. It was suggested that we take a survey but it was said that we have done them before and there is just not one reason why people don't come. Bill Cyrus suggested that each of us invite another merchant to the next meeting or find out why they won't come. If you would like to give us feed back, please email Connie. It was also suggested that we have a social meeting in the evening just to network rather than an official meeting. Connie said she is available any time someone would want to meet with her if they can not attend the morning meeting. She hopes to visit each shop as the weather gets nicer so she can meet everyone and get feed back. The officers will be meeting with the officers of the Circleville Associates for dinner in Chillicothe on April 16th to exchange ideas.

JoAnn White said that Kathy Dunn called her about the State Records Conference to be held in Chillicothe on June 18th. About 100-125 people attend. She is arranging a bus to bring the attendants to Downtown to shop. We thought it would be nice to offer a gift basket filled with donations from the downtown shops and the attendants would register at the participating shops. Please call JoAnn if you would like to make a donation to a gift basket and include your shop on the tour of downtown. Randy Davies mentioned that the State Conference of County Commissioners will be in Chillicothe on Aug 18-19 if we want to do the same for them.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President JoAnn White since Connie had to leave early for a class.