

Lancaster Downtowners Board Meeting

October 13, 2008

Minutes

Present: Rod Houser, Charles Lane, Del Seitz, Mimi Shapiro, Lois Good, Joni Soost, Nancy B. Rogers, Jim Kalish

Absent: Emily Booker, Ken Nissley, Mary Lou Higgs

1. **Treasurer's Report**—Balance \$3459.94 plus grant money held by Lancaster Alliance.
2. **Election of Officers**—Lois Good moved and Del Seitz seconded acceptance of slate: Rod Houser, president; Emily Booker, vice president; Jim Kalish, secretary, and Charles Lane, treasurer. Board unanimously approved.
3. **Program Director**—Personnel Committee (Rod Houser, Emily Booker, Jim Kalish and Nancy B. Rogers) brought recommendation of Beth Lichty for position of Program Director. Committee members reported their impressions of Beth and circulated her resume for board review. Board members expressed enthusiastic approval of Beth. Del Seitz moved and Charles Lane seconded motion to hire Beth. Board unanimously approved.
4. **Beacon Hill Visit**—Lois reported on her recent visit to Beacon Hill where she had a conversation with one of the charter members of Beacon Hill Village. She suggested to Lois that for credibility of our organization we should establish strategic partnerships with a local hospital, a home care provider and housing provider. She also stressed the importance of a volunteer network. There are now thirteen established villages on the Beacon Hill model in the U.S. Yearly membership fees range from \$50 to \$1000. She stressed the importance of looking at the demographics of an area.
5. **Program Committee**—Jim distributed list of upcoming programs and reported that an alley walk and holiday caroling are being planned. They are also considering establishment of a walking club that would meet on a regular basis.
6. **New Board Member**—Del Seitz moved and Charles Lane second that we accept Joni Soost as a board member. Board unanimously approved.
7. **Landis Homes Program**—Lois reported and distributed flyers on a lineup of free continuing education programs offered by Landis Homes this fall.
8. **Welcome Dinner for Beth**—Board will meet at home of Rod and Mary Lou Houser Sunday afternoon, November 2 at 3 p.m. for social time and dinner to welcome Beth as our newly hired Program Director
9. **Next Meeting**—Monday, November 10, 7 p.m.