

Lancaster Downtowners Board Meeting

December 2, 2009

Minutes

Present: Rod Houser, Bob Ibold, Del Seitz, Joni Soost, Emily Booker, Mimi Shapiro, Nancy B. Rogers

Visiting: Bob Wolf

Absent: Ken Nissley, Mary Lou Higgs, Jane Phillips

Meeting facilitated by Rod Houser

1. **Treasurer Report**—Del reported an income of \$620 from renewals and contributions. Expenses for past month totaled \$500.88. Cash balance is \$4167.64
2. **End of Year Appeal**—The bulk of our time was spent assembling letters, return envelopes, address labels etc., for our end of the year fund appeal.
3. **Dues Increase**—Del Seitz presented two proposals for increasing membership dues with accompanying budgets. Proposal attached. The proposals included a budget that would provide funds for a stipend to a person who would coordinate our proposed “Just One Call” volunteer program.
4. **Action**—Downtowners will increase membership dues to \$60 for an individual and \$90 for household of two persons beginning January, 2010.
5. **Board Contributions**—Board agreed that everyone on board will make a contribution to the year end fund drive above their regular membership dues.
6. **Implications of Starting a Volunteer Project**—Board briefly discussed liability implications involved with starting a volunteer program. Nancy Rogers volunteered to research vTv resources when they come online in January for any information that may be helpful on this issue. Office of Aging (Beverly Via, contact person) also has a volunteer program and they could be a resource for advice.
7. **Board Configuration**—We again recognized the need for more board members and continued commitment to the tasks that confront us, particularly as we increase dues and promise more services. Bob Ibold suggested that we each bring a suggestion of persons we could invite to be board members to the January meeting. Rod also expressed again his interest in someone else assuming president responsibilities as he would take an increased role in board duties, but at this time, there does not seem to be anyone prepared to assume role of president.
8. **Next Meeting**—Wednesday, January 13, 11:45 a.m.

Recorded by Rod Houser