

Lancaster Downtowners Board Meeting

February 17, 2010

Minutes

The Lancaster Downtowners is a community-focused not-for-profit organization that provides access to services and social networks for people living out retirement in Lancaster city. The Downtowners Organization encourages independent living and seeks to improve the quality of life in Lancaster.

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

Visiting: Wayne Parsil, Kim van Donk, Ric Tribble

Absent: Mimi Shapiro, Mary Lou Higgs, Jane Phillips, Emily Booker

Meeting facilitated by Rod Houser

1. **December Minutes**—Reviewed and approved.
2. **Treasurer Report**—Del reported a bank balance as of February 5, 2010 of \$7,643.26. Our end of year 2009 appeal brought in \$3645: \$800 from 1 business, 1 retirement community and 1 church; \$1800 from the board, and the \$1045 from 28 individual \$25–\$50 contributions. Del also presented a 2010 budget which was approved by the board. (Motion by Nancy, second by Joni) Reports and new budget are attached.
3. **Election of Secretary**—Nancy B. Rogers was elected secretary of the board. (Motion by Rod, second by Ken). Nancy will begin taking minutes at next meeting and will become a part of the Executive Committee.
4. **VtV Network**—Board approved taking out an annual subscription of \$350 to become a part of the VtV Network. (Motion by Joni, second by Del)
5. **Board Meeting Time**—Board agreed to meeting every other month. Preference remains with daytime meetings. Rod will poll members for best day of the week.
6. **Dues Increase**—Board approved postponing dues increase to September 1. (Motion by Nancy, second by Ken)
7. **Committee Accountability**—Rod presented a list of committees and indicated that he will personally try to get more people involved in working on a committee. He also asked each committee to formulate some specific measurable goals to add to the list.
8. **Just One Call Volunteer Initiative**—Ad hoc committee composed of Del and Mary Seitz and Emily and Harry Booker prepared recommendations for getting started on our Just One Call Volunteer program. Del presented a report and recommendations from the committee. He also reported on conversations he had had with retired attorney Wayne Parsil regarding issues of liability. Wayne, who was present at the board meeting, elaborated on further on issues related to insurance and liability and suggested dos and don'ts for setting up a program. Wayne responded to questions from the board. Del's report and Wayne's recommendations are attached.

The board responded very favorably to Del's ideas and recommendations and will consider formal adoption at the April meeting. Del and his wife Mary are seriously considering giving leadership to the program. Downtowners would allocate a stipend to them for their services.

9. **Next Meeting**—Next meeting will be either the second Wednesday or the second Thursday of April. Rod will poll members for preferred date.

Recorded by Rod Houser

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report
2010 Budget
"Just One Call" Recommendations
Committee Goals