

ACET Minutes for July 29, 2010

Members in attendance: Cher McCotter, Michelle Armstrong, Diana Eggleston, Karen Christensen and Joanne McDowell.

The minutes for June were accepted as written.

The treasurer reported that we paid our entire annual insurance bill, which will save periodic billing charges. This provides coverage for events and meetings. Our current balance is \$1685.90. This includes the receipts of sales of ad space in the Plaid Pages.

We approximated last year's costs for publication for purposes of comparison: Last year we were able to print 800 directories for a total price of \$970. Again the number of directories is a close approximation.

This year we have a price of \$727.12 for 1000 directories. We have received \$1350 for ad space. There will be 36 pages. We have 22 ads this year, up from 15 ads last year.

We are very excited about this increase in community interest and support. In light of the increased community support, a motion was made and carried that we use some of the money to provide a community event or add something extra to a community event. This addition would be something that we would not have been able to do without the support of businesses and organizations in our community. We will use \$1000 to print the directories and the balance of \$350 will go toward that special feature. There will be updates in future minutes.

The treasurer also reported that we have 31 members, now.

Side notes on the Plaid Pages: We will consider making the Plaid Pages a winter time project and publish in the spring. The hope is that winter will be a less hectic time for folks to pull together ad materials.

The printer encouraged us by noting that most ad space sales are down- we have done well with our directory.

July 4th business showcase: We had several folks set up booths at the Stiles House and we are giving \$40 in proceeds from that event to the Stiles House. We are looking for more ways to weave the Stiles House into our events and meetings in effort to grow our community center.

Election of officers: The following people were nominated and voted in:

Diana Eggleston, President
Michelle Armstrong, Vice President
Karen Christensen, Treasurer
Joanne McDowell, Secretary

Washington County Fair: We will have booth space in the Grange Building as we have done in previous years. Diana will send out a separate email for sign ups to man the ACET booth.

Volunteers needed:

We take four hour shifts. For your shift you will receive two fair passes for the day.

The fair starts Monday August 23 from 5 PM to 10PM. We will be looking for folks to help set up, also.

Tuesday through Sunday the fair is open from 10 AM to 10PM. Shifts will be 10-2, 2-6 and 6-10.

Monday August 30 will be tear down day- we will need folks to help us move out.

Business brochures/cards/related materials needed:

This is a good opportunity to have your business or organization represented at the fair with no cost to you. You may leave your materials with Diana, Karen, Michelle or Cher and they will see to it that your materials are presented at the Washington County Fair.

Other events:

Tractor pull: The recent tractor pull in memory of Carl Luftkin to raise monies for the cancer society was a huge success. ACET would like to help with this event and we will, starting next year. We tossed around numerous ideas of how we could support this worthy cause.

Garage Sale Weekend/ Home Coming Weekend: The Home Coming weekend event at the school is Oct 9th. The school is looking for folks/groups to set up booths that would provide games/activities for kids. ACET would like to participate in this event. If you are interested or have ideas please contact Diana. We have revisited the idea of a one-time farmer's market on this weekend. Anyone who has suggestions or interest in a one-time farmer's market, again, please contact Diana.

Coming up: Next meeting we will look at the by laws, to see what updates need to be made. We will be considering the time banking venture during our winter months, when things are a bit slower.

We will not meet in August because our regular meeting falls on fair week.

Please note our next meeting is September 2.

Submitted by:

Joanne McDowell
Secretary