

CARROLL COUNTY FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

August 17, 2011 – Flora Library

Present: Janet Ayres, Lynn Corson, Ann Brown, Susan Scholl, Bret Hanaway, Joe O'Donnell, Al Jackson, Al Auffart

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer distributed the current financial report. The Chair led a brief discussion of the results of the Fair Dinner. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and passed.

The Chair announced that Andrea Brown will be asked to join the Board. She will represent the Ag Association. Motion to approve the appointment passed.

The Chair led a discussion of final steps needed for the August 31 seminar on Township Government. Solicitation of participation has been extensive with letters being sent to all Trustees, notices to over 300 people, letters to the editor of the Comet, notification of the Chamber, distribution of flyers in various communities and at various local events, notice on the web site, good articles in the local paper and listing on the Community Calendar. Susan will contact Channel Two and ask them to tape the sessions.

The format for the first session will have Dick Bradshaw doing the Welcome and Janet Ayres introducing the two guest speakers. All Board members were asked to be on site by 6:15 on August 31 to help with logistics. A motion was made and passed to appropriate \$200 for the purchase of an ad in the local paper before the first session.

Susan will put a last minute follow-up in the paper on the 31st as a final reminder for the first session. Several Board members were asked to contact teachers at the local High Schools to encourage students from Government classes to attend. Al Jackson will confirm the availability of microphones, projectors and other needed equipment at the first session. Several Board members will be needed to man sign in tables at the entrances.

The Chair led a discussion on the format of the second session scheduled for September 21. There was extensive discussion of what the objectives of that session should be and what follow-up efforts are necessary after that session.

In other business, a motion was made and approved to make a donation of \$120 to the Flora Library in thanks for their allowing Focus to have many meetings there at no cost.

A motion was made and approved to submit a grant request to the Community Foundation to cover one half of the costs of two seminars in 2012. Topics for those seminars were not finalized but are expected to be similar to the Township Government forums now in progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 6, 2011 at 7:00 at the Flora Library.

Al Auffart  
Secretary