

CARROLL COUNTY FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

June 1, 2011

Flora Senior Center

Present: Janet Ayres, Lynn Corson, Ann Brown, Beverly Seese, Dan McCain, Susan Scholl, Bret Hanaway, Al Jackson, Al Auffart

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer reported that there were no changes in our finances since the last meeting.

The Chair will follow up on potential new Board members. A motion was made and approved to appoint Beverly Seese to the Board representing CCAP.

The Chair led a discussion on the timing and format of the proposed fall forums on township government. The first forum will concentrate on education about townships including such questions as who they are, what they do, how are they funded, how do they distribute funds, etc. The second forum will concentrate on what options are available ranging from making no changes to complete abolition of that level of government. The second session will be open for questions and audience interaction.

The structure of the first session was discussed and a general format was agreed upon. The meeting will be two or three twenty minute presentations. One segment would feature someone like Debbie Driskell to cover the basics as they currently exist. The second segment could use someone like Larry DeBoer to present financial data. The third session could cover the Kernan-Shepard Report recommendations and highlight perceived issues with the present structure. The Chair would then summarize the meeting and lay the groundwork for the second forum.

The structure of the second forum would be oriented around two or three sessions. The first would define the issues, including such things as accountability, response time, consistency of poor relief efforts, etc. The second session would be a discussion of options including no change to the present system, some sort of reform or consolidation of the present system, or complete elimination of the present system and consolidation of functions at a higher level of government. These sessions could be facilitated in a number of ways including having panelists such as a present township trustee, an advocate of consolidation of townships, and an advocate of complete elimination of this level of government. These panelists would lead the discussion in an open forum with input from the audience.

The location would likely be at the Carroll High School Auditorium.

Tentative dates would be August 31 and September 21.

In other business, a motion was made to move monies left in the Cinco de Mayo fund to the ESL fund. Motion approved.

Beverly Seese updated the group on the status of ESL and GED classes.

Lynn Corson noted that he is still waiting for the City of Delphi to finalize contracts for the I65 signs. He also noted that the first showing of the Savor Indiana program is scheduled in some areas in July.

Laura Walls submitted an e-mail update on the status of the Branding project. The initial audit is underway and interviews will be scheduled shortly.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 29, 2011 at 7:00 at the Flora Senior Center. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p. m.

Al Auffart
Secretary