

CARROLL COUNTY FOCUS ON THE FUTURE  
June 29, 2011  
Flora Senior Center

Present: Janet Ayres, Lynn Corson, Ann Brown, Beverly Seese, Susan Scholl, Dick Bradshaw, Al Auffart

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

The Treasurer reported that there were no changes in our finances since the last meeting other than one check to CCAP for ESL.

Al Auffart was asked to represent Focus on the Future at the Community Foundation grant meeting in July. Funds may be requested to assist in sponsoring local government reorganization seminars.

The Chair announced that Leadership Carroll County will sponsor a beef barbeque dinner at the Carroll County fair. The next Leadership class is scheduled to start in early February of next year.

The Chair led a discussion of the upcoming township government forums. The first meeting, to be held at Carroll High School, will feature two speakers to cover fundamentals on how the present system works, existing responsibilities of township officials, current financial considerations and impacts of proposed changes being considered at the State Government level. There was discussion on how to get local people involved, how to define the consequences of various alternatives and how to involve existing Trustees and their boards.

The Chair agreed to develop flyers to advertise the forums. The Treasurer will arrange for an editorial in the local paper. Several participants will write letters to the editor to stimulate interest. Information will be placed on the County and various Town websites. Flyers will be handed out at the Fair and at Old Settlers. Beverly Seese will get flyers to the political parties for their distribution. The group agreed to print a first run of two thousand flyers.

The second meeting will be held at the Canal Center in Delphi. People will be asked to sign in and provide contact information. The second session will be designed to review various options and solicit community involvement.

In other business, the Chair noted that the first two sessions with the consultant on Carroll County Branding are completed. The last two sessions were postponed until later in July.

A motion was made and passed to add Joe O'Donnell to the Focus Board.

Lynn Corson reported on the status of the I65 signage project and the Savor Indiana segment featuring Carroll County.

Beverly Seese noted that adult education classes are about done for the summer and will reconvene around Labor Day. She also reviewed recent changes in funding rules, recent school board proposals regarding future use of the Armory Building in Delphi and the potential for a survey to determine the needs for another ESL session in the fall.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 21, 2011 at 7:00 at the Flora Library.

Al Auffart  
Secretary