

CARROLL COUNTY FOCUS ON THE FUTURE  
Sept. 29, 2010  
Flora Library

Present: Janet Ayres, Lynn Corson, Susan Scholl, Michael Gonzalez, Laura Walls, Ann Brown, Al Auffart

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurers Report was distributed and the handling of funds for ESL projects was reviewed. The Board concluded that Focus funds will be held for use on Focus projects and LARA will fund their own ESL activities in the future. The Treasurers Report was approved.

Michael Gonzalez reported on the status of ESL activities, noting that, after a summer break, two new classes have begun. Arrangements are underway for LARA to take over future ESL classes once a site is established. LARA will then fund the project and provide enhancements such as child care and testing for progress. The first SSL class will start after the first of the year. It should be self-funding as fees should offset expenses.

Mike also reported that he is currently looking for three minority candidates for the next Leadership class, that the Junior Development project is still in the planning stages, and that plans for a cultural festival for later in 2011 in Delphi are being discussed. Future supporters and sponsors of the festival still need to be identified.

Laura Walls reported on recent EDC activity, noting that priorities are:

- Working with local industry,
- Setting up booths at trade shows in targeted sectors,
- Increasing visibility,
- Stressing brown field sites that are easy startups.

The Chairman led a discussion on the project to create a Carroll County Identity including discussion on how the \$15,000 allocated to the project can be most effectively used. The group asked the Task Force to take the initiative to develop plans to move forward while coordinating activities with Main Street, the City of Delphi and the County.

Lynn Corson reported on the community meeting scheduled for Oct. 21 at the Flora Library to discuss Festival/Event Coordination. Tentative topics include presentations by Laura Walls on marketing events and festivals, Bonnie Maxwell on using Web Sites and, perhaps, a program on shared venter opportunities.

Al Auffart noted that the Government Dialogue Task Force is exploring the need for additional meetings on the Hoosier Heartland Highway project.

The Chairman reported on progress in updating the Web site. The Board approved an expenditure of up to \$150 to pay for needed updates.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 27, 2010 at 7:00 p. m. at the Flora Library. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p. m.

Al Auffart  
Secretary