

**Brownsburg Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 21, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Brownsburg Community Association Board was held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009, in the Asbury Methodist Church. Members present were Dick Barnes, Betty Brown, Bob Driver, Connie Huffman, Richard Kauffman, Michael Papit, R. W. Swisher, and Mary Helfenberger.

President Dick Barnes called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: After a motion by Bob Driver and a second by Richard Kauffman, the minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

Financial Report: Richard Kauffman reported that the association's tax return had been filed and received by the IRS.

A Bank of Botetourt certificate of deposit currently valued at \$5,253.97 will mature on May 22. Richard will contact Community Bank and Stellar One to find the best available rate for reinvestment. The association should expect interest income to decline in 2009.

The board agreed not to join or make a donation to Scenic Virginia this year. This decision is consistent with the board's response to a similar request from Scenic Virginia in 2008.

A contract proposal for rental of tent, tables and chairs for the community picnic was received from Totally Party. Totally Party requires a deposit of 50% of the total of \$1035 to reserve the items. After a motion by Bob Driver and a second by R. W. Swisher, the board voted to accept the proposal and pay the deposit.

The financial report was accepted by the board as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

14th Virginia Cavalry Regiment: The cavalry reenactment group has agreed to put on a demonstration when the museum opens to the general public on September 12. The association will provide hay, firewood, and a few other incidentals. Bob Driver and Richard Kauffman will provide the needed items and coordinate with the cavalry group.

Museum Opening : Dates for the museum opening have changed to accommodate the schedule for completion of the exhibits. There will be a reception for donors on the afternoon of Sunday, August 23. The museum will be open to the community during the picnic on August 30. Finally, the museum will be opened to the public on September 12. Roberta Anderson will publicize the opening in Rockbridge and Staunton newspapers, and on the radio.

Community Picnic: The picnic will be held from 4 – 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 30. The meal, which will begin at 5 p.m., will be preceded by announcements and a prayer. There will be music from 4 – 6 p.m. After the meal the museum will be open to the community for a “sneak peak”.

Christmas Tour of Homes: Formation of a tour committee is in progress. Several members of the community have indicated an interest in participating.

Lighting of the Brownsburg Christmas Tree: The search is on for a small musical group to play at the event. It's important to find a group soon since performers tend to be busy during the holiday season.

Brownsburg Speed: The sheriff's department has been ticketing speeders in response to concerns raised about the speeding problem.

Shortly after the last board meeting, Michael Papit and Buster Lewis, our county supervisor, met with the residency chief for VDOT to discuss the issues. It was agreed that VDOT will paint a crosswalk at the intersection of Rt. 252 and Hayes Creek Road, and will install "crossing" and 25 mph signs within the village. Completion was estimated at 4 – 6 weeks. Michael will contact VDOT for an update on the schedule.

A concern was expressed about danger to residents walking from the picnic area on Academy Alley to the museum on Rt. 252 on August 30. In the past "Congested Area" signs have been placed. Michael will talk to the sheriff's department about other options.

BCA Financial Obligation to the Museum: Two contributions totaling \$30,000 were made by the association to the museum. These contributions were located on prior years' financial statements as part of the transition of the new treasurer of the association into office.

Museum Director: The museum advisory committee has decided not to appoint a museum director at this time since the committee system is working well.

NEW BUSINESS

Next BCA Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18 at the Brownsburg Museum.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helfenberger
Secretary