

**Brownsburg Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 22, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Brownsburg Community Association Board was held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at Asbury Methodist Church. Members present were Dick Barnes, Betty Brown, Bob Driver, Connie Huffman, Richard Kauffman, Dot Martin, Michael Papit, and Mary Helfenberger.

President Dick Barnes called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: After a motion by Michael Papit and a second by Richard Kauffman, the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

Financial Report: Richard Kauffman presented the association's financial report.

Richard noted that there had been very little change in the numbers since the last reporting period.

Richard is in the process of developing a depreciation schedule for the association's fixed assets, with the objective of setting aside money to replace equipment as it ages.

A general discussion regarding monthly accounting and museum funding was held. Experience of operating the museum this year will enable the board to better project future years' expenses. Dick Barnes noted that the board is obligated to fund a \$75,000 endowment for the museum by 2012. Michael Papit will meet offline with Richard Kauffman to clarify questions about budgeting and accounting for expenses. The board resolved to provide orientation on BCA budget and bylaws for new members joining the board.

After a motion by Dot Martin and a second by Bob Driver, the board voted to approve the financial report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Museum Report: Dick Barnes expressed appreciation to Doris Lunsford who organized the docent program, and to Margaret Skovira who provided docent training.

Museum rack cards and bookmarks will be produced. Rack cards will be distributed to the Visitor's Center and to local businesses. Bookmarks will be given away as mementos to museum visitors.

Tom Hamlin and Don Haynie will decorate the museum for the Christmas tree lighting and home tour.

Christmas Tree Lighting: Cider and cookies will be served at the Christmas tree lighting. Donations of cookies will be appreciated. Music will be by Charlie Wade and his daughter Ella, and by violinist Paula Zimmerman. Milton Reid will assemble choir members from Asbury and New Providence churches to lead the singing.

Christmas Tour of Homes: The Christmas tour will provide funding for community activities. Posters, tickets and brochures are being prepared. The names of tour sponsors, patrons and friends will be printed on the back of the brochures, which will be given to board members for

distribution. The tour committee is seeking information about the history of the school for the brochure.

Nomination Committee: After speaking to a number of people, three strong candidates – Jeff Williams, Susan Ammonette, and Stephanie Loquet – were identified. These candidates were selected based on their interest in being active in community activities and non-profits, and their willingness to roll up their sleeves and work.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Program: The annual meeting program will include the financial report, a review of the year's projects and events, and the election of new board members.

Dick Barnes proposed that the program also include a brief presentation on the future of our rural post offices. In 1980 – 81 an unsuccessful attempt was made to close the Brownsburg post office. In 2010 over 1200 post offices will be closed. The Brownsburg post office is not among those scheduled to be closed. Our former postmaster, Eugene, will discuss the criteria for closure and what citizens can do to ensure that their post office remains open. After a motion by Michael Papit and a second by Richard Kauffman, the board approved this addition to the annual meeting program.

Next BCA Board Meeting: The annual meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at Asbury Methodist Church. There will be no meeting of the board in December. The first meeting of the board in the new year will be held on Thursday, January 21.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helfenberger
Secretary