

**Brownsburg Community Association**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**November 19, 2009**

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Brownsburg Community Association was held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at Asbury Methodist Church.

President Dick Barnes called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. The purpose of the annual meeting is to inform the membership of activities and progress since the last annual meeting.

**Financial Report:** Richard Kauffman presented the association's financial report. The association's assets include checking and savings accounts, pledge amounts not yet received, and leasehold improvements to the museum building. Income includes membership dues, pledge amounts and other contributions received, and proceeds from fundraising and community activities. Expenses include cost of exhibits, museum operating expenses, and cost of the community picnic and other events.

**Museum Volunteers:** The museum was the major priority for the BCA this year. Five years elapsed between museum concept and opening. Mike Papit, chairman of the museum building and grounds committee, expressed appreciation for the efforts of all the volunteers who made the museum opening possible, and especially for the team effort of this past summer to prepare exhibits, landscape the grounds and do all the other things that needed to be done to open the museum.

**President's Report:** The museum opening was the major accomplishment of the association in 2009. Additional accomplishments include improving newsletter content, creation of an email database for distribution of information, publication of a new directory, and updates to the website. Community events include the annual picnic which was attended by approximately 140 people, three events to celebrate the opening of the museum, and the upcoming Christmas tree lighting and Christmas tour of homes. In addition, the association addressed the issue of failure of motorists to observe the 25 mph speed limit through the village, and also made contributions to our local fire and rescue squads.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Mike Papit, the Nominating Committee Chairperson, presented Susan Amonette, Stephanie Loquet and Jeff Williams as nominees to replace Bob Driver, Don Firebaugh and Connie Huffman on the BCA Board of Directors. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

**Election:** Connie Huffman made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees by acclamation. Richard Kauffman seconded the motion, and President Barnes, on behalf of the Board, offered congratulations and best wishes to the newly-elected directors.

**The Future of the Brownsburg Post Office:** Dick Barnes introduced Eugene Fitzgerald, who recently retired as postmaster of the Brownsburg post office after 10 years, and who served in Rockbridge and Augusta County post offices for a total of 37 years. Eugene spoke to the association about the challenges currently facing rural post offices. Approximately 1200 post offices will be closed in the coming year. Rural post offices are particularly at risk of closing. However, the Brownsburg post office is not at risk because revenue remains high. Eugene urged residents to continue to rent boxes, buy stamps and mail packages in Brownsburg. By maintaining strong revenue, the future of the Brownsburg post office will be assured.

**Next BCA Board Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21st, 2010, at Asbury Methodist Church.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helfenberger  
Secretary