

**Brownsburg Community Association**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**November 20, 2008**

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Brownsburg Community Association was held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at Asbury United Methodist Church

President Joe Skovira called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. Reading of the 2007 Annual Membership Meeting minutes was waived.

**Treasurer's Report:** Margaret Skovira reviewed the 2008 Financial Report.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Bob Driver, the Nominating Committee Chairperson was unable to attend the membership meeting. In his absence, Joe Skovira presented Dick Barnes, Michael Papit, and R. W. Swisher as nominees to replace Margaret Skovira, Joe Skovira and Mary Helfenberger on the BCA Board of Directors. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

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

**Election of Molly Sue Whipple as Lifetime Member of the BCA:** Joe Skovira proposed that Molly Sue Whipple be recognized for her donation of the building which will house the museum, and for her many contributions to the community over the years, by awarding her a lifetime membership in the Brownsburg Community Association. The board of directors voted to approve the award. Molly Sue will be presented with a certificate of lifetime membership in the association.

**President's Report:** The President reviewed the many accomplishments of the BCA in 2008.

Museum renovations were completed and the museum fund raising goal was met.

The association business membership category was publicized under the leadership of Connie Huffman, resulting in eight business memberships, several of which were profiled in association newsletters.

The election of the honorary mayor of Brownsburg raised \$600. The election, which was a new fundraising activity for the association, was suggested by Kathryn Mirabella and organized by Richard Kauffman. Eight candidates were nominated and many votes were cast. Candidate Betty Brown won the election by a landslide. Betty's first duty as mayor will be to light the community Christmas tree at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, when caroling around the tree will be led by Milton Reed. The Christmas tree lights and electricity were renewed and updated this year, under the management of Richard Kauffman.

Approximately 150 people attended the community picnic, which was held in August at the home of Dick and Betsy Anderson. A highlight of the picnic was the musical entertainment, which was provided by “Wonder”.

The board began discussions of a major fundraising activity for 2009, laying the groundwork for the new board, should they choose to pursue this opportunity.

President Joe Skovira expressed thanks to the board for its support to the community this year, to Mary Helfenberger for serving as secretary, to Margaret Skovira for serving as treasurer, and to Asbury United Methodist Church for its kindness and generosity to the association and the community.

**Museum Advisory Committee:** Museum Advisory Committee Chairman Dick Barnes reported that the museum restoration is complete. Landscaping, donated by Pete and Stephanie Loquet, will be completed in the spring.

Activities of the acquisitions committee are currently underway. Items including furniture, folk art, and a rifle built by a Brownsburg gunsmith in the late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century have been donated or loaned to the museum. The acquisitions committee is still seeking and would very much appreciate help from the community in the form of gifts or loans of objects to the museum.

Dick offered thanks from the museum advisory committee to everyone who has contributed to the effort, with special thanks to the Fergusons who headed the fundraising committee. Volunteer help of various kinds is still needed. Volunteer forms were distributed to the membership.

**Next BCA Board Meeting:** The next meeting of the board will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 15th, at Asbury Church. All board meetings are open to the public. Members, as well as those who are not yet members but are interested in participating, are invited to attend.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helfenberger  
Secretary