

B.U.I.L.D. Minutes  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

Thought for the day:

"Of course, this is the season to be jolly, but it is also a good time to be thinking about those who aren't."

- **Helen Valentine**

Members and guests present: Terri Scholting, Dee Arias, Andy Mixan, John Harrington, Mike Krambeck, Ronda Anderson, Rick Setchell, Mandi Chubb, Gary Nashleanas, Bruce Breitzkreutz, Kerri Wockenfus, John Plucknett, Allison Gifford, and Joel Jones.

President Terri Scholting presided over the meeting. The minutes from the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting were read by the group. The minutes were approved unanimously by the group.

**Treasurer's Report – Treasurer John Plucknett**

The BUILD account balance is currently \$2,268.03. BUILD's donation towards the Holiday Lights project has been paid in full. BUILD still needs to collect money from a few local businesses for the Holiday Lights project. Money has been spent for Ringing in the Season advertising, but grant funds for this have not yet been received. Money for the Air Your Art banner contest is still in the account.

**Old Business:**

- Holiday Lights (replacement project update)

The great Holiday Lights project of 2008 has been completed. All lights are up and functioning properly. The Senior Center has requested lights (which weren't in the original bid) so Joel is working accommodating their request.

The lights are set on a timer and will be on every night from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Thanks to Joel and Todd for all their hard work!

- Flags/Banners

Holiday banners are in and displayed on Main Street. These banners are individually sponsored by the local businesses that contributed towards their purchase.

New banners may be purchased with the money raised for the Air Your Art banner project last year due to the lack of response from local & state-wide artists. This idea would give BUILD an alternative to the contest and still use the money for its intended purpose.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Welcome/Membership Committee: Ronda Anderson (chair)**

The new BUILD directory is out. Please let Ronda know of any changes that need to be made.

**Events Committee: Committee Chairs TBD per event**

**Ring In The Season – Mandy Chubb**

- *Ring in the Season* (RITS) is four days away!
- Reminder emails have been sent out to volunteers.
- We are still looking for entries in the Christmas Tree Lane contest.
- Santa will be in the building (firehall) from 12 – 2 p.m.
- Wreaths are on the way. They have been ordered and should be delivered by Friday.
- Please take your donated baked goods to Main Street Café on Friday or to the American Legion on Saturday morning.
- The LHS Jazz Combo will be playing at the Legion Club at 11:00 a.m.
- The Senior Center will be serving Sloppy Joes on Saturday.
- A HUGE THANKS TO MANDI CHUBB FOR ALL HER HARD WORK ON *RITS* !!!!!

**Economic Development Committee: John Plucknett (chair)**

John P. gave a recap of John Yochum's visit at last month's meeting.

There was also a good showing by Cass County citizens at the NE Dept. of Roads meeting last month. Their attendance did not go unnoticed.

**Presentation Committee: Kathy Copple (chair)**

Report covered in Holiday Flags discussion.

The vacant lot next to Art Chicks will be the new location of the Community Christmas Tree due to construction at ACE Hardware.

**Marketing Committee: Nancy McManis (chair)**

Nancy & Ronda met with the student group from Nebraska Wesleyan. They should have a proposal for us within the next few weeks.

**Fundraising: Jared Plucknett (chair)**

No report.

**New Business:**

**Spelling Bee**

The idea of having a local spelling bee as a BUILD fundraiser was discussed. If a spelling bee were to occur, teams would be sponsored by local businesses and it would take place in the March or April time frame.

## **Wellness Program**

There has been a movement started at Home State Bank to lead a healthier day to day lifestyle. The principals behind this movement are looking to make this a city-wide effort. There will be a meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> to explore more wellness ideas.

## **Holiday Party**

The BUILD group has discussed the possibility of having a dinner in January to recognize volunteers in the Louisville community. Ronda A. put together a handout that was distributed to the group outlining categories for volunteer awards, called L.O.V. Awards (Louisville Outstanding Volunteer). The prevailing thought is to have a dinner to hand out the L.O.V. Awards and recognize those who continually give back to the community.

John H. made a motion to endorse the creation of a L.O.V. Award Dinner subcommittee. After a Dee Arias second, the motion was approved unanimously. The subcommittee will be formed, meet, and report to the group more details at next month's meeting.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Assisted Living Facility.**