

County Jayne
Carmel

BIA NEWSLETTER

October 14, 2008

The October meeting was held at Tough's Hardware with 15 members present. The Agenda was approved by Tracey and seconded by Lisa Kratz. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Ed and seconded by Roy.

Website: Carol has asked the Chamber of Commerce if they would be interested in helping us with the cost of the website. They have been busy with their 10th anniversary festivities, but will get back to us. Maureen is also looking into other website providers.

Cobblestone Parkette: The final figure for the Ted Reader night was \$12,273.99! What a great success! Thank you is just not enough to say to Lisa Dalpe and Karen Piovati for all their hard work. None of this would have been possible if not for their efforts. Many thanks also to Roy and Anne from the Green Heron Books, and everyone else who worked so hard to make this fundraiser such a success.

Ashley (Cafe' de Paris) has requested an additional fence on the restaurant side of the Parkette. The approximate cost of the fence is about \$5,500.00. It has now been installed.

Police Report: Jackie reported that the OPP will be participating in the Christmas Parade again this year. Also, she let us know that the new Chairperson for Community Policing is Edith Stone.

Just a reminder to have your Scarecrows up and ready for the Pumpkin Crawl. The Paris Star ad for the Pumpkin Crawl is \$35.00, and there will be a story in the Paris Star on October 22nd.

Parking: Cars parked behind the Sleep Clinic are being towed at a fee of \$300.00. This has created a huge problem for the Cobblestone Common Pub, and Shirley Simons has been dealing with this. So far a parking sign has been put up, and other measures are being taken in order to solve all the parking issues in that area.

Many thanks to Dr. Mark Mahn for leaving his parking lot open in the evenings, which is a great help.

Chocolate Sensations is currently asking for permission to put a bench in front of their store.

The developer, First Urban, has secured approval from council for additional retail space in the south end development, as well as more varied types of retail. Hopefully we can survive this latest strike against the downtown.

Think Tank - November 18th: DON'T FORGET!!! WE NEED ALL THE INPUT WE CAN GET!!! Everybody welcome---supper provided---6:00 PM at Tough's Hardware.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report showed a balance of approximately \$23,000.00. We need more strings of lights for the garland in the downtown, as well as for the tree in the Parkette. We also need 15 to 20 new flags for the cenotaph.

Christmas Parade: Ed McGuire informed us that the Kwanis Club cannot donate the \$2,000.00 that they usually donate to the Christmas Parade fund. It was decided that we would donate the \$2,000.00 needed. A motion was made by Sheila and seconded by Carol, and all were in favour of this donation.

Advertising: Carol showed us a brochure that is put out by St. George, and wondered if we could do something similar.

We need to replace the plexi-glass at the kiosks. Darin will pay for one, and we will pay for one. Thank you Darin (County of Brant-Recreation).

We have decided to make the ad in the Springtime in Paris Brochure half the size that it was in the past.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS IN THE DOWNTOWN WILL BE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 6:00 PM. MEET AT THE BACK DOOR OF TOUGH'S AND HAVE A SLICE OF PIZZA BEFORE WE START.

WE WISH TO THANK LORI AND JUDY FROM B HOME ONCE AGAIN FOR STORING THE GARLANDS IN THEIR COACH HOUSE AND FOR WORKING SO HARD CHECKING ALL THE LIGHTS SO THEY ARE READY TO GO UP. ALSO, MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE TO MATT AND TODD FROM COBBLESTONE PUB. THEY HAVE OFFERED TO TAKE ALL OF THE GARLANDS TO EACH LIGHT POST ON THE DAY THEY WILL BE PUT UP. THAT IS A HUGE JOB AND WILL SAVE THE REST OF US A LOT OF WORK. THANKS AGAIN, GUYS!

REMEMBER---MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!