

Minutes of meeting October 28, 2024.

The meeting began at 6:31 p.m.

The speaker for the evening was introduced by Claudia. Sean Hawkins, the Executive Director of the Downtown Development Association.

He explained the Business Improvement District and Tax Increment Financing.

One project is façade improvements. Another is the Fire Suppression Program and the Restaurant Conversion grants. He highlighted projects that are ongoing.

Then he addressed the Heart Improvement program to revitalize the downtown area.

Carla then called the business meeting to order.

Claudia spoke on the Spring Flower Sale. The question is whether we should continue with this. This year 30% of members did not participate.

This year's flower sale netted \$2500 as compared to the Conversations with Authors event that netted \$1300.

Suggestion was made to put "DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED" on the order form.

Scholarship Committee. Kari Gomez-Smith spoke on the Scholarship fund. She suggested that members have relatives and friends donate in the member's name in lieu of a gift. The application will be placed on the website soon.

Jill is currently working on the website. She will place updates and events on it. Members should email her.

Teri stated that the roster is updated and is posted in the members only section. The password is Equity!4all

Teri handed out the budget. Martha moved the acceptance and Tori seconded. The budget was passed.

The November and December meetings are combined.

On December 2 at 4:00 p.m. will meet at The Landing (814 E 16<sup>th</sup> Street) a youth center for a tour. Donations should be winter clothing for kids 15 to 20 years old.

The grand opening is December 18.

Thereafter we will meet at Wanda's house (Allison Drive) She will prepare chili. Bring an appetizer or desert or alcoholic beverage. RSVP to Wanda by November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Spouses or plus ones are welcome.

A new member was introduced: Torie Holleran. She found AAUW by attending Conversations with Authors.

19 (of 43) members attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.