

## **HISTORIC PIERRE STREET ASSOCIATION**

**February 3, 2015**

Steve Bass, Elton Blemaster, Brooke Bohnenkamp, Scott Carbonneau, Tom Farnsworth, Lindy Geraets, Rick Jensen, Karla Kendrick, Jeanine Maskovich, John Palmer, Karen Palmer, Leon Schochenmaier, Laura Schoen-Carbonneau, Ronda Sweetman, Marc Ulmen, Holly Zuber & Kathy Villa

Vice President, Rick Jensen called the meeting to order and turned it over to our new President Jeanine Maskovich.

Secretary's Report –Karen moved and Rick seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report-Checking Account balance-\$1336.09 –Fifteen members have paid dues, including three new members. Savings Account balance-\$14,160.40.

DUES are due. They are \$120 for the year. You can break that down into two payments due in January and July.

MEMBERSHIP-Jeanine has been visiting all of the businesses on and adjacent to Pierre Street. There are 92 businesses. She has visited 60 and hopes to visit the remaining 32 this week. She has been polling businesses as she goes and has found that overall the 8:00 meeting time is okay (as opposed to noon or evening). She received no major complaints and found that businesses want more events downtown.

WEBSITE-Jeanine has been working with Jon Sailor at BPRO, learning to manage our website. She has gotten more of our business logos on there and changed the heading from Downtown Association to Historic Pierre Street Association. She also learned that the domain name is under BPRO and would cost us a lot of money to get our own. So thank you BPRO for letting us tag along.

FACEBOOK-Tom, a former employee of Rick's designed our Facebook page and we need to connect with him to get a password in order to maintain the site. Rick will try to contact him.

FARMERS MARKET-Lindy Geraets addressed the group, asking for our support in helping them stay in the City parking lot this summer. They realize that parking will be at a premium but they feel that moving to a new location will hurt their business. Lindy passed a petition around for us to sign in both had handouts and if you want copies, come see me and I will make them for you. We will survive the construction season. We are in really good hands.

### **CHAMBER NEWS**

- Laura said she will put an article in the next newsletter addressing the downtown parking issue this summer.
- The Chamber is busy planning for the coming year.
- The Activities Roundup at the YMCA is tonight (Feb. 3). There are around 37 organizations participating and it's not just for kids.
- Laura does the Chamber Radio Show every Wednesday and she has invited us to go on the air with her and keep the public informed about what's happening downtown, events, parking, construction, etc.

### **CITY NEWS**

- The Go Green Campaign has begun. The old rodeo grounds have been cleaned up. Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and there will be events going on that whole week. Last year there were 25 organizations involved.

- Results of the Community Survey will be out soon.
- Laura requested that the City look at the current parking signage and make it more attractive and more visible.

**SLIDE THE CITY**-Denise had sent out an email, bringing to our attention the 1000 foot water slide (slip and slide) that is a traveling attraction. It will be in Sioux Falls and Rapid City this summer and proposed that we might be able to get them in Pierre between stops. We expressed some concerns about the size (we don't have 1000 feet to work with on our street) and it's also expensive to ride. Tom shared that the City is researching the concept of owning such a slide that could be rolled out each year and that we could possible partner with them. We left it at that.

**MODERN WOODMEN**-Steve Bass spoke to us about the flower boxes that they have been sponsoring for us the last 4 years. Of course the boxes will go away with this construction project, so Modern Woodmen will be using that money to help the Boy Scouts this year. But he assured us that the \$250.00 will be available to us again next year. We greatly appreciate their generosity.

Karen moved to adjourn. Marc seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **NEXT MEETING-TUESDAY, March 3, 8:00 in PIER 347 – Election of officers.**