

Lost Island / Ruthven Betterment Association; November 2009

The regular monthly meeting of LIRBA was held on Thursday evening, November 19, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Ruthven Social Center.

Becky Oppedal made a motion to accept the agenda, Jane Miner motioned to accept the minutes, and Becky Oppedal motioned to accept the treasurer's report. All motions carried.

A new logo for the float signs was passed around. Two changes are to be made and brought back to the December meeting; black block lettering instead of red script and a simpler sail boat. Jay will take this back to Body Works Vinyl Graphics.

Members need to be getting the debit card tickets sold. 200 need to be sold to break even. The 100 more will be profit for upcoming events.

Santa's visit was finalized with the next meeting to be at the legion for set-up. Jay Schoning will get ads in the Zipcode and on the roll-up as well as an article in the paper. The Methodist kids will be doing their puppet show. It was suggested to have Evie Wigdal play the piano for prelude. Margo Brockmeyer motioned to give Santa a \$50 gift certificate to Menards. Motion carried. Kay Suhr will take ideas after the meeting on gifts for the gift bags.

Jan Helmke reported the Iowa State Bank will again sponsor the Holiday Lighting Contest with a \$50 Grand Prize, \$30 first prize, \$20 second prize, and \$20 judge's choice. Becky Oppedal is lining up the judges.

Palo Alto County Gaming grants were discussed. A final decision will be made at the December meeting, but several ideas were brought up. Most likely we will apply for a grant to cover the cost of trash cans on Gowrie, storage carts for tables in the social center, and a water tank for the community garden. Although Erv Rowlands will get the group information on outside exercise equipment and Jane Miner will talk to Sharon Darling on what LIRBA can do to assist in ambulance training.

The community garden was discussed. Ron Brockmeyer went to the city council and the city council has agreed to have the city attorney talk to the Nelson's about donating the land on the north side of town. Ron said we would have to make a sign specifying Ruthven Community Gardens courtesy of the E.A. Nelson family. The ground needs to be plowed yet this fall in plots. Jim Graham will do this. Margo Brockmeyer motioned to pay Jim for the work when he completes it, motion carried.

Cabin Fever Weekend was briefly discussed. Post Prom is wanting to have a spaghetti supper. Patty Rouse is currently checking into interest of having garage sales by the table at the social center. Tim Murphy will again run the fishing contest. Jon Josephson said there will be a junior high boy's basketball tournament.

Kay Suhr motioned to again change the meeting times and dates for 2010. She motioned to have them on Thursday nights at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Jan Helmke motion to adjourn, motion carried. The next meeting is Thursday, December 10, 7:30 PM in the Legion for Santa's set-up.