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NEWSLETTER

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RHM NEWS

Design Committee News

At the Board of Directors meeting last Thursday evening Pam Badger took the leadership as Chairperson of the Design Committee. She has set the 4th Thursday of each month for the committee to meet. The meeting will begin at 6:30 at the Martinsville Candy Kitchen.

Members of the committee are, Chris Blackwell, Jackie Blackwell, Karen Melaniphy, Melanie Perkon, Ron and Vina Myers, Ron Stanhouse, Tom Delaney, Tina Chafey, John Badger and Joanne Stuttgart.

This committee will be busy as the downtown study comes to a close and recommendations are made by Odle, McGuire and Shook. Landscaping will play a big part in the plans for downtown and many folks are waiting excitedly for the change.

Other Board of Directors Meeting News

Among the issues at the Board meeting was the formation of a new committee to oversee communications for the organization.

Tina Chafey will chair the committee and volunteers will be needed to take charge of emails, public service announcements, print media such as posters and flyers and the web site to name a few duties.

All communications for the organization will go through the committee for consistency and correctness.

In committee reports John Badger reported that the Promotion Committee will be putting together an event proposal form in which all future event chairs will provide information pertaining to their event 90 days in advance. He noted that an average event costs between \$250 and \$300, most of which is insurance. Event chairs and volunteers give much to see that their event is successful. It was mentioned that this type of event, low cost and family friendly, is what our organization should be sponsoring. Darrin Maxwell, chair of the 4 concerts on the lawn, said that the concerts will move to the West side of the Square under the tree canopy. This will provide better sound quality and it might be a little cooler. Suggested purchase of banners and yard signs were approved subject to content. Vendor event costs were discussed.

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EASTER ON THE SQUARE



The Promotion Committee reminds us of what fun can be had tomorrow for the whole family around the downtown square from 10:00 to 3:00.

✓ 11:00am, Peter Cottontail will enter on a fire truck and will be dropped off at the soon to open Mixing Bowl restaurant on the corner of Main and Washington Streets.

✓ Bill Jones Photography will be taking pictures with the Bunny at the Mixing Bowl and the cost is \$6.00 for each 5x7.

✓ Water to Wine Catering will be serving breakfast beginning at 10:00 am on the corner across the street from the Post Office.

✓ Wear your Easter bonnet or Easter ball cap into the Martinsville Candy Kitchen for a contest. Pre register from 10am to judging at 10:30am.

✓ Easter coloring contest for these age groups, 1-3 yrs, 4&5 yrs, 6&7 yrs and 8-10 yrs. You can pick up and drop off a copy to color at the Candy Kitchen and there will be prizes provided by the Martinsville Candy Kitchen.

✓ 12:00 At the gazebo on the south side of the courthouse lawn the First Christian Church will read the Easter Story and then sponsor

✓ the EGG ceptional egg hunt. The age groups will be 1-3 yrs, 4&5 yrs, 6&7 yrs 8-10 yrs and will start at different times. Bring a basket or bag for your child to collect eggs. EGG ceptional egg hunt begins immediately after Easter story.

✓ 1:00 The game "A Minute to Win It" will take place on the court house lawn. Pre-registration will be at Krypton Comics on Morgan St. Two groups will compete. First will be 6th, 7th, & 8th grades and the second group will be 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades. Five elimination rounds of games with cash prizes provided by Mixing bowl and T-shirts by J.C. Ferguson Co.

✓ Face painting for a donation to RHM, a kiddie ride carnival, and a variety of vendors on the inside of the court house parking on Morgan St.

✓ For more information please contact event chairman Jackie Cook at 317-365-0545 or 765-349-0484.

This event is sponsored in part by Home Bank "There's no place like home", and Martinsville is home. **Rediscover why Martinsville Matters! See ya there on the square!**



Other Board of Directors Meeting News....committee reports.....continued from page 1

Joanne Stuttgen, for the Economic Restructuring Committee, updated those present regarding the downtown planning project. Progress was delayed in getting the funds approved but things are on track now but completion of the project will be a month later than originally hoped for. It should conclude in May.

There was a walkabout with Jacob Hurt held on Monday March 22nd with several members of the committee as well as the design committee and steering committee for the project. We are still looking for our unique "brand" for Martinsville.

In New Business, Joanne Stuttgen offered to take the secretary task from Jackie Blackwell (she was acting as both secretary and treasurer) Ron Stanhouse moved, Art Brill seconded and the motion was approved. Thanks Joanne! Ron mentioned two of the Art Sanctuary artists are planning a girl's night out event on Friday April 23rd. The next day, Saturday, the participants will pick up trash downtown. Joanne suggested we expand this by adding to other events. Joanne and Tina agreed to coordinate a community corrections crew for Saturday, April 24, to weed whack and spray weeds. Joanne will talk to Ben Rawlins (of Odle, McGuire and Shook) about the possibility of having the Master Gardeners begin replacing the gravel plots with plantings on that same day. These events are in conjunction with Earth day, April 22.

An annual meeting for the organization will be held on May 15th, co-directed by John and Pam Badger, with a short business meeting and the concert featuring the Nostalgia Band would follow.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in our Community Foundation of Morgan County account of \$6612.77 of which \$1000 is dedicated to the concert series' promotion, and \$500 is dedicated to the downtown plan. We have \$186.35 in petty cash.

The fund for the downtown plan is due and should be paid to the city for our part of the grant match.

Official Board of Directors – Meeting at the Art Sanctuary on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00

Art Brill	765 349 7653
Danny Stewart	765 349 8144
Eric Bowlen	765 318 3039
Jackie Blackwell	765 352 8260
Joanne Stuttgen	765 349 1537
Ron Stanhouse	812 345 1091
John Badger	765 342 0744
Karen Melaniphy	630 417 3267
Kenny Hale	765 342 1060
Terri Barnes	765 342 0332
Del Chafey	765 342 6082

Each board member has committed to serving Rediscover Historic Martinsville, the mission, the vision, and the membership. Don't let your questions or problems go unanswered; rely on your leadership for answers.

Be sure to mark your calendars for these fun events too!

May 1 – Picking Petals for Prizes

May 15th – Concert on the Square - The Nostalgia Band will be kicking off the series

June 5th – Summerfest

June 19th – Concert on the Square – The Brown County Orchestra

July 3rd – Independence Day Celebration

July 17th – Concert on the Square – Eddie Vanzant

August 21st - Concert on the Square – The Bloomington Community Band

September 18th – Apple Fest & Dance

October 30th – Halloween on the Square

November 13th – Holiday Open House

December 11th – Country Christmas

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COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Promotion Committee – This committee meets the 1st Thursday of the month @ 6:30 in the Martinsville Candy Kitchen – John Badger is the Chairman, Terri Barnes is the Vice-Chairman. The committee is working hard to promote local commerce by bringing folks downtown through several events in the year.

Organization Committee - Meeting at the Chamber office on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00, the committee is looking at the adopted by-laws, policies and procedures for, and promotion of the group. They promote the group. The Chair is Del Chafey with Vice Chair Jamie Thompson.

Design Committee – This committee is Chaired by Pam Badger and is responsible for directing the design, or redesign, of our downtown. They will be working with Odle, McGuire and Shook when the downtown study plans are formulated. Meets the fourth Thursday at 6:30.

Economic Restructuring Committee – Currently meeting when necessary, the committee's Chairman is Ron Stanhouse with Joanne Stuttgen as the Vice Chair. This is a very important committee in that they will be looking at where we are and where we could/should be in regards to business on the square. Promoting commerce is a job that all committees will encounter but this committee will be knee deep in commerce for our downtown; our future.

Communication Committee – The place and time is TBD.

Want to help? Or have a question? Call the Rediscover Historic Martinsville hot line at 765-352-8261, or email rediscoverhistoricmartinsville@gmail.com

You can also contact us using the contact page on the web site Rediscoverhistoricmartinsville.com