

## Alma Foundation Regular Meeting, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Present:** Caroline Gannon, John Deagan, Sheral Ransom, Tim Balough, Ellen McMichael, Linda Balough, Marie Chisolm

**Meeting called to order at 5:40 p.m.**

Caroline tabled the elections of officers and asked about how we could increase attendance at meetings. Tim said that one to two hundred people were noticed by email. Sheral suggested using an attractant such as free food.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Ellen reviewed a statement from January 1<sup>st</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>. Net income was \$9,699.36 not including the money market account.
- A discussion of advertising costs reached the consensus that they are too high.
- Ellen had another vendor application for next year.
- Ellen explained that the bank service charges were mostly for new checks.
- The source of clerical expenses was unknown.
- \$74.16 will be donated to the Ed Snell fund.
- The cost of having the taxes done was \$100. The consensus was that this is a bargain.
- No bill from Shirley Septic had been received. Last years' was \$1064.

### **Cabin**

- The architects have been looking at the cabin. An analysis will be done before winter, and then it will be boarded up. Stabilization will begin in May.
- Ellen wrote a letter to the owner of the Moynahan house with no response.
- Ellen will look into printing the Alma newspapers and still wants to put them in a searchable digital format. \$5,000 was the last cost estimate for this. A discussion about having this done by the Foundation indicated that the problem would be labor.
- Marie will work on a CDOT 80/20 matching grant for a visitor's center in the cabin. She needs detailed information on the restoration project. Ellen said that estimates were available for phases I-III and made certain the Foundation would keep control of the project.

### **Blues, Subarus, and Bar-Be-Ques**

- Caroline said that this event will be September 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 p.m. The keg and the bands have been lined up, food is in progress. Ellen will work on the sign and poster. Income will go into the general fund. Since we do not have a liquor license we will ask for donations instead of selling liquor.

### **Silverheels Ball**

- Caroline said that this event no longer has a dedicated organizer. The consensus was that it has lost its purpose. Ellen offered to organize it as an 1884-themed event to be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Period music will be attempted.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**