

Downtown Merchants of Rosenberg
February Minutes
February 7, 2008

President Janice Vyoral called the meeting to order at 5:47 pm.

Members attending the meeting – Rebecca Covell, Janice Vyoral, Linda Rulau, Jana Smith, Carolyn Watson, Sharon Wallingford, Danny Meeks, Matt Fielder, Darlene Brown, Joan Beauregard, Rita Escobedo and Renee Butler

The minutes were read. A motion to approve them was made by Linda and seconded by Jana. The motion carried.

Linda read the mission statement

Reports from officers –

- The treasurer's report was read. The current bank balance was \$1734.88. The due collecting was going great. We are no longer going to receive bank charges since we are a non-profit.
- Joan spoke about a chance to host a MS fun run practice team. She will continue to check on this. If it does happen the event would not be until 2009.

No Reports from standing committee --

No Reports from special committee –

New Business

- Matt Fielder with the City spoke about a committee that was formed as of February 5 called the Downtown Project Task Force. This committee will look at all the possibilities for downtown. They will look at TIRZ, bonds and grants available to help revamp the downtown area. This committee will consist of 7 members, to include business owners and property owners in downtown, Tirz representative and concerned citizens. The committee should be ready to go early spring. If anyone is interested call the City Secretary for an application.
- He also reminded everyone of the Rosenberg Business Appreciation Reception to be held February 21. He invited everyone to come.
- Darlene Brown with HGAC spoke about the opportunities for grants. We should go through Matt if we are interested. This is something that the newly formed Task force would handle. Only non-profits can apply. So the city would handle this part also. Currently there is \$100,000 available but could possible have more if needed. The grants are on a first come first serve basis.
- Jana spoke about the Railroad Museum Oyster dinner fundraiser on February 29th. The tickets are \$15 and anyone interested contact her. They have a lot of big projects and need the money. The gala will be September 12 and honor Mayor and Doris Gurecky.

- Linda said that anyone wanting to put stuff in the bags for Spring Fling bring them to the next meeting. This will be their 30th annual car show.
- Rebecca spoke about the 125-year anniversary of Rosenberg. Everyone should help to make this a huge success. Watch for news about a photo contest and finding 125 old citizens.
- Two FYI handouts about Five Attitude Adjusters to the mall and events at the fairground
- Vogelsangs is celebrating their 10-year anniversary February 16-17. Everyone come and have a drink and snacks.

A motion was made by Rebecca and seconded by Linda to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.