

Minutes for Edwardsville / Glen Carbon Chapter of Habitat for Humanity meeting

February 5 – 6:30-8pm

The meeting was called to order by Chris Azar, Chairman.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Jane McKinney

Minutes from the January 9, 2008 meeting were approved and accepted.

The Board of Directors was finalized:

Chairman – Chris Azar – co chair fund raising

Vice Chairman – Trish Cheatham – Publicity chair

Treasurer – Harry Windland

Secretary – Diane Schwind – church relations chair

Darlene Azar – co chair fund raising committee and family selection chair

Sheila Mikes – building committee

John Mikes – Building co chair

Jay Beard – Building co chair

Jane McKinney – Family Nurture

Joy Krohne

Paul Seaburg

The board will be presented to the Lewis and Clark Affiliate board on February 26. We should then be considered an official chapter.

Treasurer's report: at the moment we have about \$1085 that the Wood River chapter is holding for us. As soon as we become an official chapter, that money will be turned over to the Ed-Glen treasurer and an account will be established. We have pledges of \$3700.00 from individuals and pledges for \$2500.00 from business. We are on our way.

Church Relations: Only 6 churches in our area currently have a liaison contact person: **Please let Diane know if you would like to be a contact person for your church.**

Fund raising report:

-Dierberg's will not do a cooking class but will donate 1-2 items for a silent auction (Joan Wentz)

-We are still looking into serving food at a Cardinal game (Joan Wentz)

-Applebees no longer does breakfast as a fund raiser (Shannon McMillan)

-Paula Brockmeyer is still checking into wine tasting. Jim Bain volunteered to help with that.

-Goshen Market days would allow us to set up a booth for the 23 weeks they are open. It would cost \$123.00. Any ideas on what we could sell. Do we have any craftspeople out there that could make something we could sell? We pay for materials and you make it???

-Letter for donation has been sent to Jr. Service – no response yet

-Pledge drive – Jane Weingartner discussed a gift pyramid, a suggestion of how the chapter might raise the \$65,000 in cash by receiving a target number of gifts in giving-levels from \$100-\$5,000. Jim Grandone has contacted Ameren UE. Grant requests will be submitted to Ameren UE and Your Community Foundation – pray these 2 come through – we are asking each for \$5000.00. John Mikes has contacted Cassens transport, FCB, and First Clover Leaf and follow-up letters will be sent in February.

-Jane's committee continues to work on other gift possibilities.

Personal contact is always most effective in fundraising. Please contact Diane (dschw4639@charter.net or Chris (azarcs@sbcglobal.net) if you would be willing to participate in this process. Approaches to individuals and businesses in town need to be coordinated through the fundraising committee All donations are tax deductible. We have letters and brochures that you can use to approach a business. I have 200 people on this email list and if everyone just picked 1 or 2 businesses to approach and that business gave \$25.00-\$100.00 you would help raise \$10,000 - \$20,000.

-The board asks that anyone who was planning to donate money to the Edwardsville Habitat group would please send their tax-deductible donation to the P.O. Box 355, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025. They will receive a letter acknowledging their donation.

The following list includes citywide events where we hope to have a booth of some type to raise awareness and money for habitat. **We need volunteers to work these booths, and in some cases we need a chairperson for the event.** Please let me know which event you can help at: Again we need to come up with something to sell or some games kids could play for prizes????? Let me know if you have any ideas. Does anyone belong to St. Boniface – maybe they would let us borrow a couple of the games they use for their Bonifest?????

-Community fundraiser (1 day would be set aside by restaurants and businesses and they would donate a percent of the day's sales to habitat)

-Glen Carbon Library event for children in April 2008

-Kids International Day on May 17, 2008 (we receive the proceeds from this event)

- Route 66 Festival on June 13, 2008 (4pm-11:30 pm)

- Glen Carbon Homecoming on June 20-21, 2008

-SIUE Block Party on August 22, 2008

-Edwardsville Halloween parade on Oct 31, 2008

Recognition committee (Diane Schwind)

We will send thank you letters to all our donors and we have levels of donations. The higher the donation, the more perks the donor receives. Also the letter serves as their donor confirmation for taxes.

Publicity Chair – Hopefully all of you saw the articles recently published in the Journal and the Intelligencer. Trish, Chris and Darlene have been very busy attending Chamber events and making contacts with various businesses to get the word out that we are here and ready to take their money/help so we can build a house for a family in our community

Building committee (John and Sheila Mikes and Jay Beard) – no report yet, but their time will come.

Family Nurture (Jane McKinney) – The Hill street family is settled in their new home and they are doing well.

Family selection (Darlene Azar) – This committee will begin to select a family as soon as we have raised \$40,000. Family selection takes a couple months so we will have time to raise the rest of our money.

Volunteer coordinator – **We will need a chair for this committee.** The volunteer coordinator gathers the volunteers to build the house and makes sure there is the right number of people who show up on the days when we need help and food and drinks for the workers. Getting volunteers to build the last house was never a problem, but you need the right numbers on the right days.

Old business – none

New business – none

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm

Our monthly meetings will be held at 6:30 on the 1st Wednesday of the month. I will send the location of these meetings as soon as I nail down the location. The time and date will NOT change.

Diane Schwind, Secretary