

Westside Association Meeting Minutes-April 4-2013

Meeting called to order by President Connie Drexler @12:00

Approval Feb 2013 minutes passed

Treasurer's Report

- current balance is \$7281.93
- Disbursements:
  - Steinert Printing- annual meeting post cards/brochure inserts- \$385.56
  - 44North Advertising- design brochure inserts- \$100.00
  - LaSure's- catering cost for annual meeting- \$299.43
- Deposits:
  - \$900.00 dues
  - \$260.00 Meal reimbursements
- no outstanding pledges

Chamber Report:

- Outlet Mall- Million dollar facelift done by May
- April 26- opening of downtown hotel
- Kwik Trip- new location- Hwy21/Washburn
- Horicon Bank - building on Hwy 21
- JoAnn Fabrics- opening in April
- CVS back on track
- Dr John Anderson/ Dr Dick and Ryan Ames- combining practices- new location on Sawyer- old Morton Drugstore
- Alumni Center going up
- River Commons being torn town
- Rec Flex
- Business after hours- May 21- New Downtown hotel
- taking applications for Leadership Oshkosh next class

New Business:

- Westside Association asked to spearhead the Ribbon cutting for the new Butte des Morts bridge by DOT
- planning at board meeting
- donation committee
  - have a list of recommended donations to board- then to general membership for input

Guest Speaker:

Stan Mack- Superintendent of Oshkosh Area School District

- 46+ years in education
- 25 years in suburban Twin Cities as assistant or superintendent
- retired from MN schools 3 years ago
- working in regulatory in MN since retiring
- OASD was floundering and kind turned its back on the community
- possible operating referendum in April 2014
- since 1993 Oshkosh schools have been underfunded
- the district has chosen to under levy over the years- which has created a gap between Oshkosh and neighboring communities in programs
- budget reconciliation process
  - committee made up of citizen volunteers and staff
  - understanding of where revenue comes from
  - budget cuts became \$3.9 M
  - revenue programs- cannot be solved with budget cuts
  - 2nd lowest fund balance with similar size districts or surrounding communities
- Project assumptions:
  - 2% base pay increase
  - advancement in steps suspended
  - \$212,000- allocated for teacher credits
- Expenditures:
  - 16M- other expenses
  - 64M- salaries/benefits
  - 3.5 M in cuts- menu of possible reductions
- Committee- drafted letter to the board about a referendum
- \$11M deficient- not fixable in one year- this will be a several year project

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM

