

Westside Association Meeting Minutes - March 6-2014

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

Approval Feb 2014- minutes passed (Maribeth/Robin)

Treasurer's Report-

- due are coming in-\$4300.00 during Feb
- no outstanding pledges
- Expenses- Feb
 - speaker lunch \$9.45
 - Web site development cost- \$2690.95
 - memorial- Warren Steinert- \$100.00
- ending balance Feb 28-2014 = \$4466.38

Chamber Report:

- 27 million in new construction in city during 2013 (does not include any construction on campus)
- news coming about the development on the old Wal-Mart site
- plans for the Lourdes expansion
- Bar430 now open
- Dealer Fire will be moving into the old Kitz Printing building
- Rivers II will break ground in the spring
- March 27- AM Oshkosh at EAA
- April - AM Oshkosh at Senior Center
- April - Business after Hours at Sweetwater

Guest Speaker:

Stan Mack II- Superintendent Oshkosh Area Public School District and Dave Grundluch Asst Superintendent

Topic: April 1, 2014- Referendum for Learning

- efficient operations, community frugality has led to low spending over the years
- Oshkosh had low per student funding in 1992 when state first imposed revenue limits
- since then school district has taxed less than allowed by more than \$700,000.00
- result - Oshkosh cost per student \$1567.00 below state average
- one of the top performing districts
- To sustain and improve- board voted to bring the referendum
 - will sustain our strong academic programs
 - recruit and retain - our high quality teachers
 - maintain appropriate technology for teaching and learning
- Referendum for Learning
 - will increase annual funding for the Oshkosh School District by \$3.95 million for seven years
 - with a monthly tax impact of less than \$4.75 per \$100,000.00 of home value
 - will not meet all the district's needs- it is considered a fiscally reasonable and prudent increase
 - will protect academic programs for students
 - music and arts at all levels
 - a range of academic opportunities in middle and high schools that prepare students for college/career
 - comparable programs at all Oshkosh schools
 - opportunities for high school students to earn college credits
 - improve technology for teaching and learning
 - proved every classroom with access to the world's knowledge
 - offer reliable, efficient/cost effective wireless Internet access in every school
 - connect every classroom for emergency notifications
 - avoid \$2.5 million in additional cuts and more in the future
 - some of the board approved cuts if the referendum does not pass include:
 - limit high school students to 6 credits per year
 - require all middle school students to take 1 study hall
 - combine several high school sports teams at North and West into one
 - double athletic participation fees
 - close one of the five middle schools
 - remain competitive with other districts, thus retaining students and staff
- more information available at www.referendum.oshkosh.k12.wi.us

Meeting adjourned at 1:10PM