

Restore Avilla

Minutes March 11, 2019

In attendance: Todd Carteaux, Jill Hoffelder, Bill Freeman, Shalimar Holderly, Bill Ley and Andrea Kern.

Todd called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Andrea Kern from OCRA explained some of the grant programs available to Downtown Revitalization groups. The Town of Avilla would need to be the applicant for any grants in Avilla. She suggested we contact Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (ICDA) for possible funding for wayfinding signs, lights, benches, bike racks, etc. Maybe we should try for an Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA) planning grant to cover engineering for new lights along Main Street. Then in 2020 we could apply for a MainStreet grant to cover the cost of purchasing and installing the lights.

Minutes from February 11, 2019 were presented. Shalimar motioned and Jill seconded to approve. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Bill Freeman presented the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1,321.85. Jill motioned and Shalimar seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Old Business:

Dorothy Iddings will allow the farmers' market to locate in the former Midtown Market parking lot as long as Restore Avilla has liability insurance in place to cover activities on her property. Todd will check with Restore Avilla's insurance carrier to verify coverage before confirming with Dorothy. The farmers' market will run every other Saturday beginning June 8 through October wherever it is located.

Possible fundraisers for 2019 were discussed. They included a German dinner at the St. James Restaurant, a 5K run, a fish fry, a square dance and a swing dance. More discussion on the fundraisers will follow at the next meeting.

Bill Ley mentioned there is a Community Exchange meeting in Angola on May 29 for MainStreet communities. Jill, Shalimar and Bill F. will check their schedules and try to go. The cost of the meeting will be paid by Restore Avilla.

At 7:00 pm Jill motioned and Bill F. seconded to adjourn. The motion carried 5 – 0.

The next meeting will be upstairs at the St. James Restaurant on Monday, April 8 at 6:00 pm.

Bill Ley, Secretary.

