

Minutes from EBA meeting held November 21, 2024

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Jaimie McFarlin, President.

Guest Speaker: Sue Knepp of Woodford County Historical Society. Knepp reviewed the upcoming Holiday Home Tour set for Saturday, December 14 from 1 to 4 pm and 6 – 8 pm. Four historical homes, the library, and the Eureka Christian Church will be part of the tour. Tickets are on sale at Heartland Bank, Goodfield State Bank, Kirbys, the library, Eureka Christian Church, and the Historical Society.

September & October Minutes: Motion to approve, Beth Miller. Second, Linda Logan. Approved.

November Treasurer Report:

Ending Balances (Statements ending 10/31/2024):

General Fund: \$6,741.75 – no credits or debits

New Gift Checks: \$12,017.66 – 2 credits of \$660; 40 debits of \$6705 (11 businesses)

Old Gift Checks: \$9,235.74 – no credits or debits

October & November Treasurer Reports: Motion to approve, Meg Rocke. Second, Beth Miller. Approved

Current Business:

Holiday Stroll: Event will be held on Saturday, November 30 from 1 to 4 pm at the library. Committee members are Cindy O'Neill, Erin Ziegenhorn, and Deanna Davidson. We will have carriage rides, free hot cocoa and cookies, and pictures with Santa. EBA will again offer a \$10 gift check with the purchase of \$50 gift checks purchased during the stroll. Cindy has 4 volunteers to help with gift check sales.

New Business:

T-Shirts: Watch your email and Facebook for a fun t-shirt opportunity! JC Screen Printing will be printing a limited run of Eureka (or your favorite town) T's.

Secretary and Vice President Needed: Congratulations to Sam Sendra of Heartland Bank on her recent promotion. We discussed the two open board positions – Secretary and Vice President. Danie Kocher of Eureka Rotary volunteered to be Secretary. Thank you, Danie! **Please consider volunteering for the Vice President position – a full board is needed for EBA to fully function.**

December Meeting: A discussion was held about meeting in December. A motion to not meet in December was made by Cindy O'Neill and seconded by Danie Kocher. Approved. Our next regular monthly meeting will be Thursday, January 16.

By-Laws: There will be an online survey and special meeting in early January to discuss the future direction of EBA and possible changes to the by-laws. Watch your email for details. Membership renewal materials will go out after the meeting.

Business Announcements:

Please SHARE online your special holiday pics, celebrations, posts, news, job openings, sales, with us so we can expand your reach with our EBA social media! Send us an email with the information.

Kiwanis: They will be holding their Santa's Workshop with EHS Key Club on Saturday, December 14th from 1 to 4 pm at the middle school.

Eureka College: They will be holding a Holiday Cabaret event at the Cerf Center at 7 pm on December 6. There will be holiday music and treats.

Heartland Bank: We welcome Karen Evans as the Heartland Bank representative to EBA.

Rotary: We welcome Danie Kocher as the Eureka Rotary representative to EBA. She is the Director of Business Development at The Loft.

Et Cetera & Store Next Door: The stores will be closed December 24 – January 1st.

Heartline/Heart House: The addition to the community room is coming along nicely. They are still accepting toy donations for the Tree of Hearts. They still have plenty of slots open for sorting and wrapping during Tree of Hearts week as well as Salvation Army Bell Ringing. For more information or to volunteer, contact Cailey at 309-467-6101 ext 2 or cailey@heartlineandhearhouse.org.

Eureka Library: The historical display on the Ewing-Davidson families being created for the Holiday Stroll will be up through December 23rd during the library's open hours.

Motion to adjourn, Danie Kocher. Second, Jyl Zubiante. Adjourned at 8:45 am.