

Rossford Business Association

Meeting Minutes – 5-26-10 Meeting

Thank you to Rust & Rust for sponsoring the breakfast from Tim Horton's and to the Rossford Library for hosting the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Our current balance is 24,495.68. Expenses included the annual website fee and two scholarships.

Education in China – presented by Dr. Susan Lang, Superintendent, Rossford Schools

Dr. Lang highlighted her trip to China as part of the educational exchange program. While in China, she visited many schools and villages. The Chinese education system is extremely focused on Math & Science education and students go to school from 8 to 5 six days a week. Students attend school through 8th grade but then must pass a test to go on to high school. Only about 30% of the students pass the test to attend high school, yet China has more students in their high schools than all of our student population in the United States. These students are extremely focused, thus presenting a challenge to U.S. students when competing in the global market. Therefore, the U.S. education system must continue to evolve and change to meet the challenge.

New Business - Ray met with Tim Rakovan, our website administrator, to discuss ways to improve the RBA website. It was suggested that we add links to member websites from the RBA website. They are looking for input from members, so please forward any additional ideas to Ray.

Old Business

- Fun at the Fountain – It was decided to hold Fun at the Fountain on September 4 in conjunction with the Rossford Labor Day weekend celebration. If you are interested in helping with this event or being a sponsor, please contact Angie Jackson or Cindy Hollie-Selz. The city is also looking for donations for the annual fireworks display, which will also be on Sept. 4, if enough funds are raised. We are looking to the RBA and its members for possible donations.
- The annual scholarships were awarded. This year's winners were Kyle Keller and Sarah Wilson.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 30 at noon at Bay Park Community Hospital. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Stan Guidera, of the BGSU School of Architecture. He will discuss a possible project with his students to create renderings of a renovated/revitalized downtown Rossford, similar to what was done years ago for Grand Rapids. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted - Brenda Schwind, RBA Secretary, Directions Credit Union

RBA Mission Statement:

To serve and support members of the Rossford business community by sharing business knowledge and talents and capitalizing on the goods and services provided by Rossford professionals to collectively boost commerce and city partnership.