

Thursday, June 5, 2008, 8:15 a.m. Location: Edward Jones Investments, 39 N. State St. Thanks to Tim Bullock and Kristy Sherwood for hosting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 10, 2008, 6:15 p.m. at Amish Originals Furniture Co., 8 N. State St., Thanks to Doug Winbigler for hosting. We will move the meeting up one week because of July 3 activities for Independence Day.

Attendees:

Members:

Tim Bullock (Edward Jones), Janet Davis (Chamber), Gerry Domanik (Suite 59), Linda Foor (Brickstreet Communications), Kurt Lehmkuhl (Westerville Bike Shop), Glenda Mihaly (WVCB), Jennifer Moon (Benchmark Bank), Kate Porubcansky (Otterbein College), Gordon Solomons (Captivating Canines), Doug Winbigler (Amish Originals)

Guests: Angel Young (Otterbein College), Carrie Ryan (WPD)

Meeting Notes:

Otterbein College Student Alumni Council

Otterbein students are starting a new organization (student alum council) with a goal of making a lasting connection for the college with students early on.

The association would like to connect new students with Uptown Westerville (as part of that lasting connection). One of the things they are looking at is possibly a deep discount for council members with Uptown merchants (% off when they join the organization), providing merchants an opportunity to promote their businesses and Uptown.

Discussion ensued regarding logistics and how a deeper discount for association members would affect merchants who already offer a discount to Otterbein students. Merchants, in general, suggested steering away from a deeper additional discount and looking at maybe an Otterbein College Student Alumni Council discount weekend or a one-time discount to uptown merchants when they join the council.

For feedback and ideas contact Angel Young at angel.young@otterbein.edu or Kate Porubcansky at kporubcansky@otterbein.edu.

Membership Report: Gerry Domanik

One Renewal – Thank you to:

Uptown Pharmacy
23 N. State St.
Westerville, OH 43081
614.882.2392
uptownrx@rroho.com
www.uptownrx.com

Membership numbers around 50.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Moon

Farmers' Market: \$1,487.18
Total: \$4200.00

Jennifer will be closing the Commercial Savings Bank account and moving money to member Union Savings.

Commercials Savings is also storing some WUMA archived material. Jennifer will retrieve that as well.

General Notes:

Crime: Carrie Ryan

Recent incidents: Senior Center window, vandalism for no good reason, community center/soccer fields parking lots (cars broken into, men's locker room – but lockers that are not locked).

Graffiti on mural on Amish Originals' building – tagging can be vandalism or can have a purpose (gang territory, drugs). WPD consults with CCAD on graffiti images to be able to discern between expression and purpose. Gang graffiti is usually very specific – stars, pitchforks, colors, devil images. If drug dealers, WPD turns to the gang task force and CCAD.

Be aware of signs of vulnerability like leaving things out in the open (especially in cars).

Bike officers and police presence during the day; hard overnight when there are no people around other than residents.

The WCPAA (Westerville Citizens Police Academy Alumni) have created the Westerville Bobbies – "police" in historic police uniforms. They will make appearances at events. Contact Carol Groseclose to arrange Bobbie appearances.

Westerville Chamber of Commerce Music & Arts Festival: Janet Davis

July 12th and 13th.

Posters in Windows and Postcards still available – contact the Chamber at 614.882.8917.

T-shirts are available for those Uptown merchants who will ask their Staffs to wear t-shirts ahead of time to promote can obtain t-shirts for \$10. (regular price \$15.).

Parking available in surrounding lots – Otterbein College lots off Collegeview, Baptist Church on Cleveland, Americheer after noon Saturday, and the city sports complex lots on Cleveland, Park-n-Ride on W. Main, Alum Creek Park, Astronaut Grove.

There will be a bike corral at Heritage Park.

Layout: Westerville Walkway (entryway or archway in process), Westerville artists (non-juried), civic and service organizations, VCB.

WVCB: Glenda Mihaly

Ohio Chautauqua posters are available – check the Celebrate Westerville website if any Uptown merchants would like to display a poster. Ohio Chautauqua will be in Westerville July 2nd – 6th and will be set up at the soccer fields off Cleveland.

Fourth Friday: First 2 events went really well; good attendance; good weather. June is Safety Fest. Jennifer Kennedy with WPD and John Bokros with WFD are helping.

To answer question about where the Columbus Zoo was located in May – on Winter St.

Bike Race: Kurt Lehmkuhl

This year's race went really well.

Attendance was down comparatively, but it may have been due to weather (overnight and a.m. storms).

193 racers.

Kurt is considering moving the race dates; he will be reaching out to Uptown merchants for feedback.

Sustainable Westerville is looking for space for a food co-op – either portable or dedicated. They are in the planning stages and are reaching out.

Kurt can provide a bike rack at the farmers' market.

Gift Card

Please email your interest in the Gift Card to Tim Bullock: tbullinc@hotmail.com

Notes submitted by Linda Foor, August 5, 2008.