RTR Minutes April 11 2013

In attendance: Jimmy, Doug, Cindy, Joseph, Vicki, David, Haley. JW came in late.

Minutes were approved

Town Council Report:met last night

 \*Noise barriers in communities where New bypass will be

 \*225 Committee raised ~$6000 that they didn't spend. This will be used by recommendation of the new "Rutherford Heritage Committee"

 \*There was a request for a committee to help with Veteran recognition

 \*Lease agreement with golf course was discuss

 \*Ok's Children's Projects in Main Street park on July 4th with Visual Arts Guild

 \*The White Oak Project has been sold to Tryon Equestrian Properties. The plumbing lines are down there. TEP is interested in "doing business" with Rutherfordton

 \*Budget workshops for budget approved by end of June. Will start working on that at next meeting. A lot of areas that we receive income has dropped considerably (this is outside of taxes, etc.) this will require several meetings to approve a budget. They are considering a Town Planner, which will be worked into the budget process.

 \*With this in mind, Cindy feels like we need to let Town Council know that we are here and ready to work.

 \*Cindy usually tweaks the budget based on Karen and Russ and them telling here where we need to cut things.

 \*Doug reiterates that we need to have "BOARD TRAINING" that involves training us to know where they money comes from and where it goes.

 \*\*\*\*He encouraged us to work on our budget with the above in mind because we will likely have cuts.

 \*Next council meeting: May 8th,

 \*42nd annual Kiwanis auction is this Saturday morning.

County Commissioner's Report - no one here to report.

 \*Cindy thinks that they hired a new grant writer.

Committee Reports:

Signage

 \*Coke is very lackadaisical. We will be moving forward with Pepsi. They are interested.

Step:

 \*Are ready to start picking projects. They will be choosing which areas to start putting their money in.

 \*May's meeting will be 27th.

Merchant's Meeting:

 Downtown Merchants and KidSenses have met a couple of times to implement a series of activities for children throughout the summertime. Chatterbox Creative is working on marketing materials (plan and PR). This will benefit KidSenses as well as merchants. This idea came from Kitty's idea that (from Step) our town (unlike others) has a Children's museum) On the 3rd Saturday of every month, we will have different activies downtown (June - October from 10-2) Hopscotch games, checkers in the park, merchants doing different sales (they may approach Town Council for sidewalk sales). The merchants are very excited.

Board Training:

 Cindy has been talking to the Main Street Program about doing "board training". We will need about 4 hours to train. Could have the event at night time and have dinner. Our target date is May 15ths from 4 - 8pm. This will help us with budgeting.

Vicki points out that we need new board members. We need bank member, downtown member. How can we sell ourselves so that people will "want" to be apart of this? What can we do to bring in the people that we need? Can we ask old board members? We need a social to celebrate our hard work and to come up with a list of names of who could be a part of RTR. Vickie thinks we need more young people. Cindy thinks we need more older retired folks. Haley thinks we need both.

first meeting at Dougs April 21 at 4 pm

Fundraiser. We did not lose money. Got about 60 pre orders for the coin. We need to have a meeting in September meeting devoted to perfecting the mailing list. Could save $$ based on NOT sending who we know is NOT going to come. Shooting for a February fundraiser. Everyone likes that idea. Cindy has already talked to the Casino company. The venue worked out well.