

## Harvesting Our Future August 27, 2018 Minutes

**\*Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.**

**\*Present-** Karen Yaggie, Jennifer Klambauer, Ardith Trumpy, Marci Viland, Travis McGuire, Allison Pickert, Ashley Hughes, Peggy Smoltich, Debbie Constant, Darci Friedlund, Amie Carey, Carrie Rooney, Matt Bish, Christy Bark, Danni Marion, Joan Umamo, Mim Evans, Norm Walzer.

**\*Absent-** Steve Kreitzer, Gary Michaels, Chuck Hemesath, Pam Mackey, Nancy Engel, Shannon Zahlit-Martinez, Shelly Claxton, Jeff Wielert, Zach Ruh, Bob Runge, Chris White, Steve LaRocco, Dan Mackey, Mike Constant.

**\* Public comments-** none

**\*Introduction by Joan Umamo**

- HOF working group list
- Introduction of new members
- Went over communication guidelines
- Explanation of grant process

**\*Mim Evans discussed big steps towards finishing the plan**

**-Family Support Group**

- \*Getting quote for new sign at the community building for community info.
- \*Would offer businesses, township, Lions Club, etc. to be involved in the sign.
- \*Welcome wagon for new families; trying to figure out how to get information of new residents coming into town.
- \*Daycare Survey; ready to go, just need approval.
- \*Recreation programming; need to get a better correlation with parks to better let people sign up for programs.
- \*Norm Walzer suggested a virtual version of welcome wagon as well.
- \*Business association does do welcome bags but need help compiling information to go into the bags.

**-Small Business Group**

- \*Talked about business association utilizing the Village of Hinckley website.
- \*Suggested adding guidelines to website on what businesses need to do to come to Hinckley.
- \*Discussed business assistance for businesses, i.e. marketing.

**-Downtown Group**

- \*Contacted business/building owners, they are very interested in allowing murals to be put on buildings as long as they see them first.
- \*Talking to businesses to get the approval to fill their empty front windows.

**\*Mim explained to groups they need to prioritize their projects.**

- Step 1: arrange meeting of group and prioritize own groups projects.
- Step 2: come together as big group and decide on order of projects over all.
  - \*Groups were given a matrix to use to help prioritize their projects.
  - \*NIU will then take that information and develop an economic development plan.

\*Went over timeline for the rest of the planning process.

\*Groups will meet with each other within the next 2 weeks.

\*Next group meeting Thursday, Sept 13, 6pm, HBR High School library.

**\*Adjourned at 7:30pm-** Motion made by Travis McGuire, Marci Viland seconded.