

WALK! BIKE! BROCKPORT!
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013

Attendance:

Dianne Hickerson, Doug Hickerson, Greg Lund (BISCO), Andy Pacito (BISCO), Mayor Margay Blackman, Dr. Jim Goetz, Alicia Fink, Joan Fenton, Richard Fenton, Lucille Ribble, Joe Blossenhauer, Sri Ram Bakshi, Harry Shifton, Merrill Melnick, Elizabeth Murphy (Finger Lakes Health System) Dr. Elizabeth Linz (Sports Studies and P.E., SUNY-College at Brockport), Rosie Rich, Emory Morris, Raymond Duncan

1. Greg Lund, BISCO President, and Andy Pacito, BISCO Treasurer, presented Walk! Bike! Brockport! with a \$ 10,000.00 check for its "Safe Routes to School" project, orchestrated by Walk! Bike! Brockport! member, Dr. Jim Goetz. Dianne Hickerson and Doug Hickerson were there to take photos and write the story of this event for Westside News. The photo and article should appear in the News edition of Sunday, October 20.
2. Dr. Jim Goetz reported on the Wednesday, October 2nd, "Walk to School" day event, with its highest-ever turnout of volunteers and children walking alone and with parents. His report generated much discussion of what steps our organization might take in the future to encourage children to walk to school. The concept of the "Walking School Bus" was center-stage in this discussion. Elizabeth Murphy noted that many towns and villages are deeply engaged in this type of safe walking for children. Andy Pacito made the point that substantial savings to tax payers (from fewer buses) are gained when children walk instead of ride to school. We decided that our group should give the Walking School Bus concept attention.
3. Alicia Fink gave a Treasurer's Report. Our current balance is \$ 3,558.59. We voted to make a total of \$100.00 available to Joan Fenton, should it be needed as part of next year's Erie Canal Opening Festival. The \$10,000.00 from BISCO is ear-marked for completing the *Safe Routes to School Project*, led by Dr. Jim Goetz.

4. Raymond Duncan reported on our current \$50,000.00 grant proposal to the Genesee Transportation Council. The grant is to be used to engage a professional consultant to develop a Master Plan for pedestrian and biking routes in the greater Brockport area. In support of this grant are BISCO, the Brockport Central School District, Brockport Police Department, Walk! Bike! Brockport, the Town of Sweden and Clarkson and the Village of Brockport. The grant would be similar to one recently awarded Brighton and Greece. Keep you fingers crossed.

5. Remember the upcoming “Make a Difference Against Hunger” to support the Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf. The event will be held at the College at Brockport’s SERC on Saturday, October 26, 2013. The 5K run begins at 9:00 A.M. Members of our group are invited to drop by the SERC around 8:45 AM to help organize a children’s walk relay race. Liz Lenz and Betsy Ernst of SUNY-College at Brockport will try to produce 2-3 students each to help out.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond Duncan, Chairperson