

## CFIT Minutes July 9, 2016

Richard called the meeting to order at 2 PM. A motion was made by Don and a second by Ralph to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Motion passed.

Marian gave the financial report. She reported that there were at least two fraudulent purchases involving several hundred dollars that were being investigated by the bank. When the investigation is completed and the account is credited for the fraudulent purchases we will have only \$.68 in our account. There was a motion by Don and second by Amy to accept the financial report. Motion passed. Ralph will provide Marian with a spreadsheet to help with tracking our expenses. The group expressed concern about the fraud, but we are grateful that we are not liable for any of the purchases.

Ralph mentioned that donations for CFIT need to be paid to the order of Lincoln Community Foundation with a memo requesting that the money should go to Citizens for Improved Transit.

Richard reported that he had received letters of support from Freddy's restaurant and Lincoln Department of Economic Development. Still pending are letters from Servicemaster, Lincoln YWCA, and Buzzard Billy's restaurant.

Richard reported that when he attended the Mayor's Taking Charge forum, StarTran had received 39% of the votes, making it the #1 choice.

The group discussed the mayor's proposed budget.

The public hearing for the budget will be held on August 8 at 2:30 PM in the City Council Chamber at the City County Building. Making sure that we have an impressive showing at the hearing is the number one focus for the group at this time.

Marilyn reported that an article will appear in next month's "In Transit" magazine which is published by ATU International. When Marilyn receives her copy she will share with the group.

Alex recommended that Marilyn contact the Graduate Student Assembly to recruit volunteers. He will send her the contact information.

The group discussed how we might help with the transition to the new routes. StarTran plans to offer free bus rides to everyone in the month of October when the transition takes place. We would like to have members of our group volunteer to assist passengers at major bus stops throughout the city. In addition Marilyn has spoken with members of the local ATU about offering to volunteer to help with the transition. Richard reported that the replica trolley buses should be delivered in January of 2017.

We have not yet heard for certain that StarTran received the grant from Lincoln Community Foundation to erect a bus stop shelter at 27th and Holdrege to service Matt Talbot Kitchen, Salvation Army and other riders in that area, but we remain optimistic.

Don Nelson will make contact with the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. He intends to educate them regarding public transportation. Don believes that investing in public transportation is workforce enhancement not social welfare.

Fundraising:

Amy will be contacting Russ's Market/ Super Saver about fund raising. Amy believes that these grocery stores encourage organizations to raise funds by selling hot dogs outside the store. Russ's Market/Super Saver provides all of the food and the organization gets to keep all of the profits. Ralph Hayden made a contribution of \$250 through the Lincoln Community Foundation. Amy reported that Eastern Star will not discuss donations until this fall. Marian agreed to donate \$100 to our organization.

Lori Meyers was not present to report on membership growth.

Richard reported that's he had appointed Marian Malone, Amy Eidenmiller, and Marilyn Kruger to the budget committee.

Richard reported on the statistics he received from the state office of Highway Safety. This report indicated that StarTran has a very good safety record.

Alex recommended that Richard should contact the Meadow Lane Neighborhood Association.

Amy made a motion to adjourn Marilyn seconded. Motion passed.