

**DOWNTOWN DECATUR NEIGHBORS
GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2023**

President Kathie Gannon called the meeting to order at 7pm. There were 30 people in attendance.

The minutes from the November 16 General Meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jane Yoemans. The business account has a balance of \$550.82. The report was approved.

President Gannon gave her Annual Report:

- Downtown is the largest neighborhood in Decatur. DDN serves the whole neighborhood, businesses and residences.
- Fundraising is the current number one priority for DDN Board and Members.
- Residents voice your opinions about the Master Plan under development.
- Thank You to Lisa Schreiber for serving as our Communications Director. We are looking for someone willing to serve in that position. Kind words were said about David, our webmaster who recently passed.
- May was our first in-person meeting since the covid shutdown. Since then our successes include assisting in the update of the Decatur Noise Ordinate, defining our Pedestrian Districts, and working closely on the Downtown Master Plan.
- We hope to have a Downtown Day as one of the neighborhood clean-ups and establish a Communication Liaison Group among all Residential Communities.

The Board Member Nomination Committee presented the slate of Officers for 2023. They were all approved and DDN Board continues with its strong roster of members.

Please attend the January 21st Master Plan Walk around Downtown. 11-12:30. Meet at The Square. You will have the opportunity to give your comments and opinions.

Board Member Mary Karwoski gave a presentation on Downtown Decatur's boundaries. She showed properties that do and do not pay taxes. Mary suggested that Decatur reassert the Old Courthouse as the geographic focal point and enhance the historical character of Downtown.

Sponsors: Jenna Mobley from the Decatur Farmers Market encourages us to visit the Market year round. She distributed discount coupons. Rubin, the current Property Manager of 1133 on the Square Apartments asked us to spread the word about their residential building in Downtown.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted by Jo Giraudo, Secretary

