

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PARTNERS

AmericInn

Wabasha, MN December 1, 2004

President Sheronne Mulry opened the meeting with approximately 30 members present. Around-the-room introductions were made and we Welcomed Winona! to their first official meeting. The meeting format was abbreviated since December's meeting is a party to celebrate the hard work of the MVP membership.

A big thank you to Carolyn Klees and the AmericInn for the hosting the MVP Holiday Party and the great spread!

Sheronne Mulry presented the President's report for 2004 ,which highlighted many of the goals and accomplishments of 2004. Please refer to the MVP website for a transcript of her report.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Larry presented the Treasurer's Report as of the end of November. The checking account had a balance of \$2,182 and the Money Market account had \$8,067. The Birding Festival accounts had a total balance of approximately \$5,126 for the same period of time. Kathy Silverhorn made a motion and Dave Speedling seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Larry also reported that we currently had 116 members paid, so the number is creeping up. Last year, we had a total of 146 members. September 1st was the start of our fiscal year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Secretary's report was reviewed. No corrections were noted. Herdie Baisden made a motion and Kelly Larsen seconded. The minutes were approved.

85 MILE GARAGE SALE - Next year's dates will be April 29, 30 and May 1, 2005 due to the Mother's Day holiday.

BIRDING - 2005 Festival will be put on hiatus for a year.

GARDEN - The Minneapolis Home & Garden Show will be in February or March. MVP should look to promote the MVP Gardens.

MARKETING COMMITTEE - Everyone should continue working on new members, especially those from previous years that have not yet rejoined.

MEMBERSHIP - Winona has been putting forth a great effort to get members into MVP. Sheronne will be attending an upcoming meeting in downtown Winona and will be promoting MVP. Keep up the good work!

WEBSITE ACTIVITY – Larry presented the website stats. We may look at 'revamping' the presentation in 2005 with Voila.

TOLL-FREE -

TRAVEL PLANNERS - The Travel Planners will be ready in January. Everyone needs to make a point to get out and pick up their supply. Contact Sheronne with any questions.

AROUND THE LAKE -

The next MVP meeting will be February 2nd at the Winona County Historical Society/CVB Office in Winona at 7:00pm.