Main Street Minutes
August 24, 2010
Ted Johnson

Present
Steve McKelvey (Chair); Bruce Benson, Paula Carlson, Roz Eaton-Neeb, Mary Emery, Ted Johnson, Janice Roberts, Nathan Soland

Agenda for Meeting
1. Approval of minutes of Aug 17, 2010
2. Final draft of Main Street Objectives
3. Jo Beld update on the Wabash Grant
4. Alumni Groups as feedback
5. Distribution and feedback on Main Street Project Objectives

Approval of Minutes
Minutes were approved as submitted.

Main Street Objectives
A final copy of the Main Street Objectives were distributed and were approved.

Jo Beld’s Report on the Wabash
Jo Beld gave an overview of the Wabash Study which is an initiative of the Center of Inquiry of Wabash College. Jo distributed to the committee background material on the Wabash Study Application and the Call for Participation. She will send electronically St. Olaf’s application for participation in the second round of the Wabash Study. Jo discussed how the purpose and timetable of the Wabash study fits the Main Street Project. St. Olaf is one of 15 institutions that will be involved in a collaborative assessment project which will be initiated at a Project meeting at Wabash September 24-26. Several members of the St. Olaf Community will attend with Jo representing the steering committee and the academic community. Jo finished her brief oral report by stating that the timing of the Wabash Study is perfect; allowing the assessment to be put in place as the program is developed.

Distribution and Feedback on the Main Street Objectives
A brief discussion occurred concerning use of the Main Street Alias which consists of the committee and President Anderson. After a brief discussion the committee decided to keep it limited to its current distribution.

Steve indicated that a memo/cover letter will be generated giving an overview of the Main Street Objectives and the Final Draft of the Main Street Objectives. The memo will also give information on how faculty, staff and other interested individuals can provide feedback on the Proposal. The intended timeline would be general feedback in September, design and refinement in October/November with a final proposal generated. Discussion about when and how to get feedback was discussed. President Anderson will be contacted by Paula Carlson to get his perspective on the timetable for feedback. Janice Roberts will contact Jim May, Provost, concerning the upcoming leadership meeting. The committee decided that feedback will be obtained by Public Discussion/Feedback Meetings and
electronically through Form Creator. Nathan volunteered to develop open-ended questions for the Form Creator and to discuss with Susan Canon the possibility of having the individual identified.

Two Public Discussion/Feedback Meetings will be held. The first feedback session will be on September 23rd during Community Time in the Sun Ballroom from 11:30 to 12:30. A second session will tentatively be on the 29th at 3:30 at a location in Buntrock. Emails alerting Chairs, Directors, Vice Presidents and other Heads of Divisions of the sessions will be sent. Roz (Chair), Steve and Nathan will coordinate these events. Discussion of other sessions for alumni and parents were discussed with the possibility of holding one during the Christmas Concert Weekend.

Next Meeting
Thursday, September 16 at 3:15 at a location to be determined.