The August STEP meeting began with a supper of cheeseburgers, chips, and cookies after an invocation given by Gilbert Owens. After supper July’s minutes were read by Cyndi Templin. The minutes were approved as read with a motion made by Roland Hall and seconded by Anthony Bennett.

First to give their monthly report was Roland Hall, co-chair of Strategy I. His report contained the following information. The committee recommended to the board to utilize 4,155.00 dollars to clear the lot adjacent to Michael William’s building and that bids are being sought. The site clearing to be done in two phases. (Money to be gotten from both the project IA3 and IA4 budget lines). A motion was made in favor of the proposal by Roland Hall and seconded by Sadie Newkirk. The motion passed unanimously. Secondly, a motion was made to scrap the quarterly newsletter for the WSCG and use the money to be run several cost sharing ads for local businesses in both the Sampson Independent and Weekly. The motion to scrap the newsletter was made by David Alexander and seconded by Gilbert Owens. The motion passed unanimously. Next, a motion was made to run the ads by Roland Hall and seconded by Sadie Newkirk, motion passed unanimously. Also discussed was a proposal to use 1000.00 dollars from the “Small Business Assistance” line item to allow Mrs. Rosemary Simpson to purchase art supplies to be used to decorate vacant storefronts in the Downtown area. The supplies would be used by students enrolled in the local schools and then placed in the storefronts. Some of the funds would be utilized to cover the cost of cleaning supplies to be used on the buildings in question. A motion to accept the proposal
was made by Roland Hall and seconded by Richard Barefoot, motion passed unanimously. Roland also shared that the WSCG is still lobbying for an overpass exchange and that a STEP wrap-up event has been scheduled for October 6, 2015 at the community building. Restaurants from the area will supply the food.

Gilbert Owens, chair of Strategy II was the next to give his report. Included in his report were the following items. A movie night has been scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the Western Park. The movie “Up” will be shown and a school supply raffle will held. Secondly, October 2, 2015 has been scheduled for the 2015 Roseboro Sr. Citizen’s Day. This will be funded by the money from movie concession’s general fund account. The all-day event will conclude with a Bingo Night at the community building. Lastly, a discussion was held about the town purchasing video equipment, including a projector and speakers. The discussion ended with the consensus that the town would purchase the equipment using the “matching funds” that the town is required by the STEP agreement to spend. A motion was made to that effect by Gilbert Owens and seconded by Helen Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Last to report was Strategy III co-chair Cyndi Templin. Information included was as follows, all the welcome signs and wayfinding signs have been placed and the committee is now in the process of getting bids for landscaping around the welcome signs. The sign at the park that had been vandalized has been recovered. The sign will be repaired with a new map (cost $165.00 dollars) and the old one will be placed at Town Hall. The committee is also looking into acquiring magnets for the town trucks and Roseboro flags have been purchased for the Town Hall and the ABC store.
Lastly, the DOT signs have been ordered. One is to be placed on Fleet Cooper Rd and the other two will be placed on the new superstreet when construction is finished.

Upon completion of Strategy III’s report the meeting was adjourned, the next meeting scheduled for September 1, 2015 at the Community Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Templin

STEP Secretary