



MINUTES – April 14, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at the village office.

The meeting was called to order by Mark Obringer, president, with the following trustees present: Dan Broering, Greg Homan, Jon Gardner, Jill Timmerman, Kelli Steinbrunner, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, John Yoder, Randy Kaup & Mandy Diller.

The March minutes were approved with a motion by John Yoder and a second by Lisa Niekamp-Urwin.

Treasurer's report was given by Dan Broering who reported a balance, as of March 31, as checking = \$5,062.31 and Gift Certificate account at \$5,653.66. Greg Homan moved to accept the treasurer's report and Randy Kaup seconded.

Old Business:

In old business, the 2009 Membership Renewal was discussed. Trustees communicated that 36 members have renewed their memberships for 2009. Kelli Steinbrunner and Dan Broering will work together to develop a spread sheet to communicate who has paid and who still needs to renew. Kelli will pick up the 2009 membership plates at Mercer Awards and will forward to the membership committee for distribution. Renewals that have not yet been received will be receiving an email from the Chamber encouraging them to do so. Members will also be able to access the Chamber's new website to obtain an Annual Dues form or use the second attachment to this email. Any questions in regards to your renewal, please contact Kelli Steinbrunner at kelli.steinbrunner@accutechfilms.com or at 419-678-8700 ext. 105.

Continuing In old business, Mark Obringer updated the trustees on the 2009 Chamber Scholarship applicants and the winner. Mark will be presenting the scholarship to the recipient, on behalf of the Chamber, at the annual awards banquet in May.

John Yoder updated the trustees on possible fundraising projects for the chamber. Joining forces with Pla-Mor lanes Adventure Golf for a fun filled family tournament, was discussed. John will be working with the finance committee on working out details and other fundraising options. Please look for details in the upcoming weeks.

Lisa Urwin and Greg Homan gave an update on the Technology Seminar that was held last month. This was a free seminar to anyone interested in attending. Turn out was good. Planning for the seminar series is underway. Members are encouraged to take advantage of these free educational seminars as a value added benefit to your membership.

New Business:

Mark Obringer presented a donation request from the Coldwater After Prom. John Yoder and Dan Broering moved to donate \$150.00 to the event planning committee.

Finally in New Business Mark Obringer communicated the need to develop 3 major committees among the trustee. Each trustee would sit on a committee that drives the major functions of the Chamber. Those committees have been titled: Finance, Membership and Programs. Each trustee was asked to select or was appointed to a committee to serve on. A detailed list of each committee along with committee member names can be found on the Chamber's website.

Greg Homan updated the trustees on the upcoming Seminars and Business after Hours Socials.

For any members who may have missed the impressive Open House of Briarwood Village, the Chamber will be hosting a Business After Hours on May 21st, 2009 from 4pm – 6pm. This is a great opportunity to see this state of the art facility in

addition to networking with other local businesses. Please bring 1 trivia question or interesting fact about your business to be used during a meet and greet exercise.

With no other business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned by Mandy Diller and seconded by Lisa Urwin.

Announcements: All members please, submit your annual dues by April 30th. You can find the renewal form as the second attachment to these minutes along with on the Chamber's website at www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com. Please update your business information along with your email address and forward in your payment.

Also mark your calendars for the upcoming Business After Hours event located at the new Briarwood Village Community. This is scheduled for May 21, 2009 from the hours of 4pm – 6pm. Please bring 1 trivia questions or interesting fact about your business to be used during a meet and greet “ice breaker” exercise.

GET REAL The Annual GET REAL Program is just around the corner. This year's guest speaker is non other than the legendary Daniel “RUDY” Ruettiger. One of the most memorable Notre Dame football players in history. The Get Real Committee is asking that every business help welcome RUDY as he comes to town. Putting welcome slogans on your business billboards or even creating a yard sign are just simple ways to roll out the welcome mat. RUDY will be speaking on Thursday April 30, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Coldwater School Palace (gym). Admission is free!

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 12, 2009 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE. AS ALWAYS ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.