



## MINUTES – AUGUST 11, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 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, Jill Timmerman, Kelli Steinbrunner, Toni Klosterman, Randy Kaup & John Yoder. Village Administrator, Eric Thomas was also present.

The July minutes were approved with a motion by John Yoder and a second by Randy Kaup.

Treasurer's report was given by Dan Broering with a reported balance, as of July 31, 2009 as checking = \$6,363.15 and Gift Certificate account at \$5,793.66. Greg Homan moved to accept the treasurer's report and Randy Kaup seconded.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Membership Committee:**

Membership drive for 2009 has been officially closed. There are still a few businesses that still need their 2009 membership plate. Please contact Kelli Steinbrunner if you do not have your plate by the end of the week.

**Financial Committee:** A few new membership and membership renewals were received. Also noted was the Business Expo Registrations are now starting to come in.

#### **Programs Committee:**

Greg Homan reported on the recent Chamber Sponsored Tax Seminar present by Randy Kaup, from Moorman & Hartings CPA. Seminar received good feedback with notes of great information being presented. Thank you to Moorman and Hartings and Randy Kaup for hosting this seminar.

The recent Community Picnic was discussed. For anyone who may have missed the parade, the Chamber entered a float with the theme of "The Price Is Right". The float was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Theme Float division. We had our very own Bob Barker and Drew Carrey on board along with a real life Price Is Right Participant, Cindy Hemmelgarn. Thanks to Cindy for riding on the float and for the O-H-I-O's along the parade route...

The Lemonade stand had another successful year. It was discussed and determined that the Chamber will start manning the booth earlier next year since there was such a need for drinks earlier on Friday.

Side Walk Sales were another good event that the Chamber participated in. Many people came out and enjoyed the festivities. Thank you to the Red Hat Ladies for manning the Chamber's booth.

Continuing in Old Business, Eric Thomas reported that the new chamber brochures are completed and are available at the Village Office. Any persons or business wishing to have a few brochures, please feel free to stop in at the Village office and pick a few up. Eric also reported that the new chamber bags have been completed. We still have approx. 3,000 old chamber bags (featuring the old chamber logo) on hand, and will be using up during different Chamber sponsored events.

### **New Business:**

John Yoder discussed the upcoming **Business Expo**, scheduled **for September 20, 2009 from 11am – 3pm at the Coldwater High School Auditoria**. John brought the trustees up to speed on the WCSM Fall Fling event that will be

taking place the weekend before the Chamber's Business Expo, also taking place at the Coldwater High School Auditoria. Jon encourages all members who are wanting and interested in participating to send in the Expo registration form. Flyers will be in windows around town soon announcing the event. This is a GREAT opportunity for business to showcase their products and services as well as the general public coming to see the business that make up their Coldwater community. Registration is \$50.00 for Chamber members and \$100.00 for non chamber members (this includes the 2010 chamber membership) The Expo offers great business to business networking along with possible employment opportunities being posted. Greg Homan motioned and Kelli Steinbrunner seconded to set an Expo budget of \$2,000.00 for the expenses incurred for this year's event.

Mark Obringer reported on the upcoming 7K Patriot Run / Walk Race. There will be an information meeting held Wednesday 8-12-09 at 7:30pm above the State of the Heart office in downtown Coldwater, to discuss the details of the event. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the event is encouraged to participate. Registration forms can be found on the Chamber's website [www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com) or at Innergy Fitness. A large crowd is expected for the event. If you are a business wishing to help sponsor the event, please contact Deanna Davis or Kristy Kahlig at 419-763-1111.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Dan Broering and a second by Jon Yoder.

**Announcements:** 2009 Business Expo is scheduled for Sunday September 20, 2009 from 11:00am – 3:00pm at the Coldwater High School Auditoria. A registration form can be obtained at the chambers website: [www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com) for any business interested in participating. Any questions on the Business Expo can be directed to anyone one of the Chamber Trustees. Limited space is available, so please get your information is just as soon as you can. Registration or communication on being apart of the event, must be received by Thursday 8-13-09 to be listed on the flyer as a participating business.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE. AS ALWAYS ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.