



## MINUTES – December 8, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 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, John Gardner, Jill Timmerman, Kelli Steinbrunner, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, John Yoder, Randy Kaup & Mandy Diller, Toni Klosterman, Ken Obringer and Eric Thomas.

The November minutes were approved with a motion by John Yoder and a second by John Gardner.

Treasurer's report was given by Dan Broering who reported a balance, as of November 30, as checking = \$6,361.49 and Gift Certificate account at \$4,893.66. Greg Homan moved to accept the treasurer's report and Lisa Niekamp-Urwin seconded.

### **Old Business:**

It was reported that the new Downtown Speaker System has been installed and completed by Nu Wave. One speaker had to be replaced. System is stationed at the Mr. Shoppe.

Toni Klosterman reported on the Santa Come to Town that great weather encouraged a lot of community folks to come out and enjoy the festivities. Many thank to Toni and all who helped make this Holiday event a success. Toni reported that we donated several canned good items in addition to a monetary donation to the local food bank from the proceeds of the pony rides.

Greg Homan communicated that there will be an upcoming event coordinated between the Coldwater, Ft. Recovery and Celina Chambers. The event will be hosting the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance that will be presenting the benefits that are offered through the Chamber. This is a GREAT opportunity to members to attend and learn about the health benefits that are available to all members at a discounted price. These benefits are also available to employees of members as well. All members are encouraged to attend this seminar and find out more about the benefits that are available to you by being a Chamber Member. This event has been set for January 19, 2010 at Briarwood Village. The anticipated time is 7:30am – 9:00am. Breakfast foods will be provided. If you have any questions in regards to this event, please contact Greg Homan.

The Upcoming Annual Chamber Banquet was discussed. New member, Romer's Catering / Overdrive, communicated the interest of having the event at one of their locations. Trustees are currently reviewing this option. Details in regards to the Annual banquet will be coming soon. Also discussed were nominations for: Business of the Years, Volunteer of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Community Improvement. If you would like to nominate a business or individual please use the nomination form attached, and send in to any trustee by Tuesday January 12, 2010.

### **New Business:**

Trustees recognized the need to look for 2 new trustees to replace those trustees whose terms will expire as of February, 2010. Anyone interested in serving as a trustee (3 year term) for the Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce should send their name into anyone of the current trustees. New trustees will start their term immediately after the Annual Banquet.

Carol Evers, with the Coldwater Library presented to the Chamber their "Lincoln's for Libraries" fundraiser. This fundraiser is to help support the Library with its day to day expenses. Carol communicated that the Coldwater Library receives 97% of its funding from the state's Public Library Fund. In 2008 the library received \$252,646 from this fund

and as of November 2009, the library's revenues were down 18% compared to 2008, or a reduction of \$42,400. The library's expected revenue for 2010 is anticipated to be reduced even more, as much as 27% compared to 2008. The library asks and encourages all to help support our local library with donating to the "Lincoln for Libraries" fund. After discussion a motion was made by Kelli Steinbrunner and seconded by Mandy Diller to donate \$100.00 to the "Lincoln for Libraries" fund, motion passed.

Trustees discussed the Annual Chamber Scholarship. Scholarship are currently being communicated and posted for applicants. Mark Obringer will be dropping applications off to the Coldwater High School this week. Please contact Mark Obringer with any questions regarding the Annual Scholarship.

With no other business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned by Ken Obringer and seconded by Greg Homan.

**Announcements:**

Any member that would like to have their upcoming events, Open Houses, Business related information or newsletters, posted to the Chamber website, please forward your information to Lisa Niekamp-Urwin. In addition to being posted to the website, they will also be added to the Announcement section of the monthly minutes to be distributed to the membership.

Don't forget that CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATES make GREAT Christmas Gifts and Stocking Stuffers. You can pick up Chamber Gift Certificate at the Village Office or the Coldwater Library.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 12, 2010 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE. AS ALWAYS ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.