



MINUTES – February 10, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at the village office.

The meeting was called to order by John Yoder, president, with the following trustees present: Mark Obringer, Ken Obringer, Greg Homan, Marc Evers, Mandy Diller, Kelli Steinbrunner, Margie Hoops, Jamey French, Jill Timmerman. Village Administrator, Eric Thomas was also present.

Chamber Visitors:

The chamber recognized and welcomed the following visitors to the February meeting:

Lisa Niekamp-Urwin with Tomorrow's Technology Today; Randy Kaup with Moorman and Hartings; Dan Broering with People's Bank and John Gardner with Chief's Supermarket.

The January minutes were approved with a motion by Margie Hoops and a second by Mark Obringer.

Treasurer's report was given with a reported balance, as of January 31st, 2009, was checking = \$5,459.32 and Gift Certificate account at \$6,833.66. Greg Homan moved to accept the treasurer's report and Ken Obringer seconded.

Old Business:

Kelli Steinbrunner went over details of the upcoming Awards Banquet. Banquet is set for next Wednesday 2-18-09. Cocktails will begin at 6:00pm at the American Legion in Coldwater. Meal will be catered by Mary Evers, with deserts and coffee provided by Calico Café. RSVP's were reported to be coming in slowly. Members are encouraged to send in their RSVP's so that an accurate amount of food can be ordered. 2 complimentary drink tickets will be given to each guest at the door. Trustees look forward to seeing all members at the banquet.

A banner featuring the NEW Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce Logo was displayed at the meeting and will be displayed at the banquet for everyone to see.

Continuing In old business, the trustees continued their discussion on the Chamber's website. Prior to today's meeting, all trustees were instructed to view the web design by both Scott Kremer and Tomorrow's Technology Today. Trustees discussed the skills / benefits of each and decided to have Tomorrow's Technology Today design and update the Chamber's website. Lisa Niekamp, with Tomorrow's Technology Today, was present at the meeting and communicated that she will donate her time to the upkeep, management and maintenance of the website. The only cost the chamber will see is the cost of the graphic designer to create and get the website up and going.

A sub committee consisting of Eric Thomas, Mandy Diller and Ken Obringer will be meeting with Lisa on Thursday February 19 to discuss the contents of the new Chamber website. Members are encouraged to send in requests of what they would like to see on the website.

New Business:

2009 Membership Renewals will be going out at the first of March. Look for yours via email, or in the mail. If you would like to have an invoice for chamber dues sent directly to you please email Kelli Steinbrunner at

kelli.steinbrunner@accutechfilms.com

We are hoping to incorporate this into the new website for easy access for paying your annual membership dues.

Greg Homan, communicated an idea to start an endowment fund for the Chamber. After much discussion, trustees and Greg agreed that he shall continue his research and report back to the trustees on his findings of the best way to go about setting this up. Members, with any feedback, are encouraged to contact Greg Homan.

Continuing on, in New Business, the trustees discussed the donation request that was received for “Arts in the Park” It was agreed that this is a very well deserving program that brings value to the community. Donations are due back by April 1. Trustees agreed to table the donation until the March meeting to determine a donation amount.

The updating of the Business Directory was the final discussion of the trustees. This was also tabled until after the membership drive to determine an active member listing.

Announcements: All members please, return your RSVP’s to the chamber by the end of the week for the Awards Banquet. Much planning goes into making this banquet a success for its members. Come and recognize those who give community support and the business that support the community. This is a great night to network and to socialize.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Marc Evers and a second by Ken Obringer.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 10 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE. AS ALWAYS ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.