



MINUTES – January 13, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 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 and Margie Hoops.

Chamber Visitors:

The chamber recognized and welcomed the following visitors to the December meeting: Lisa Niekamp-Urwin with Tomorrow's Technology Today; Randy Kaup with Moorman and Hartings; and Dan Broering with People's Bank.

The December 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 December 31st, 2008, was checking = \$6,629.81 and Gift Certificate account at \$9,703.66. Greg Homan moved to accept the treasurer's report and Mandy Diller seconded.

Old Business:

New Chamber Logo has been received. Kelli currently has the disc containing the logo and will forward to Eric Thomas, so that side walk sale bags can be ordered.

Also, in old business, Randy Kaup reported that the treasurer's books were audit after last month's meeting and stated that they very well organized and balanced by Shelia Tumbusch. Much appreciation goes out to Shelia for doing such a wonderful job!

John Yoder reported that he spoke to Gary Bruns and to Mr. Sowyers in regards to moving the downtown stereo system to The Mr. Shoppe so that holiday music can be enjoyed more by patron's during the holiday season. John and Eric reported that there is a little more work in moving the system then originally expected. They will be obtaining pricing quotes on moving the system.

In other old business the trustees continued their discussion on the Chamber's website. John Yoder shared an email from Scott Kremer on his desire to manage the chamber's website. It was noted and discussed that he is willing to donate his time to the chamber for this. Lisa Urwin, with Tomorrow's Technology Today, also added that she would be willing to design a website for the chamber and would charge us her cost for a graphic designer and donate the time for upkeep and managing the website. The chamber agreed that they would like to see a demo from Lisa and asked the trustees to also visit Scott Kremer's website, [http://kremerskorner.com/projects/Coldwater Chamber Of Commerce/](http://kremerskorner.com/projects/Coldwater%20Chamber%20Of%20Commerce/). Trustees will compare and discuss at next month's meeting.

Discussion of the upcoming Chamber Banquet continued in Old Business. Kelli Steinbrunner reported that the date has been set for Wednesday 18th, 2009 at the American Legion, in Coldwater. Cocktails will begin at 6:00pm, with a catered meal by Mary Evers starting at 6:30. The chamber will once again provide two complimentary drink tickets per attendee. Invitations have been sent to print and are scheduled to go out by the end of this week. The cost will remain the same as previous years, \$12.00 per meal. All members are encouraged to mail back their rsvp's to obtain an accurate headcount for the event.

John Yoder communicated on the nominations that he had received for the 2009 Vice President. Candidates were discussed and voted on. Congratulations to Greg Homan for being voted in as the 2009 Vice President of the Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce.

New Business:

John Yoder communicated that Bev Hughes, current trustee from State of the Heart, has recently accepted a new position with State of the Heart, and will no longer be able to serve as a trustee. She asked that the chamber allow Jamie French, her replacement, assume her trustee responsibilities. After consulting the bylaws, the trustees approved the transition. We wish Bev all the best in her new position.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Greg Homan and a second by Margie Hoops.

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