



MINUTES – July 14, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 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, Ken Obringer Toni Klosterman & Eric Thomas, village Administrator.

The June minutes were approved with a motion by Greg Homan and a second by John Yoder.

Treasurer's report was given by Dan Broering who reported a balance, as of June 30, as checking = \$8,204.38 and Gift Certificate account at \$6,428.66. Lisa Urwin moved to accept the treasurer's report and Toni Klosterman seconded.

Old Business:

Financial Committee:

Discussed chamber gift certificates and how long they should be valid for. Trustees debated and agreed that we would not put an expiration date on the gift certificates at this time and review on a case by case basis. It was also discussed that Lisa will update the Chamber's website and detail a list of all Chamber business that accept Chamber gift certificates. If your business DOES NOT WISH to be added to the list of business that accepts Chamber Gift Certificates, please let anyone of the chamber trustees know, so that your business will not be added. If you have questions on how to accept and redeem the Chamber gift certificates, please contact any Chamber Trustee for details or review the chamber website for details.

Membership Committee:

Kelli Steinbrunner reported on the closing of the 2009 Membership drive. Plates will be distributed in the next few weeks to all active members. If you are in need of a new plaque please let Kelli or John Yoder know and one will be delivered to you.

Programs Committee:

Lisa reported that there have been a total of 10 businesses that have rsvp'd for the upcoming tax seminar. There are still a few available seats. Please see the Chamber's website for details and to rsvp to the programs committee.

Updated Chamber Brochures will be made available hopefully in time for the sidewalk sales during the Community Picnic.

Once again, the chamber is asking for members to donate promotional items for the chamber bags, during this year's sidewalk sales. If you have any items (pens, golf tees, etc) that you would like to have "stuffed" in the bags that the chamber hands out, please deliver them to John Yoder at Edward Jones no later than Thursday July 23.

Mark Obringer discussed the Lemonade stand, that the Chamber works during the Coldwater Picnic. A sign up sheet to work the stand was passed around. Each trustee was encouraged to pick a time slot that they would be able to work. Please be sure to stop by and enjoy some lemonade during the picnic!

Greg Homan updated the trustees on the Chamber's Parade Float entry. He is looking for a donation of carpet to cover the hay wagon that is going to be used. If any member would happen to have some type of floor covering that would work on the float please contact Greg Homan at greg.homan@wright.edu

Trustees also discussed the upcoming Business EXPO. It was reported that several entries have been received for the September 20th event. If you are interested in displaying your business at The 2009 Business Expo, please see the second attachment, of this email, for official rules and entry form. You can also refer to the Chamber's website for details.

Lastly in Old Business, Mark Obringer updated the trustees on the upcoming 7K Patriot Run/Walk Relay, hosted by Innergy Fitness and the Chamber. This event is scheduled for Thursday September 10. Race/Walk will start at 6:30. Innergy Fitness has been working very hard on making this a community event. Entry forms are available on the Chamber's website & Innergy Fitness. You may contact Innergy Fitness or any Chamber Trustee for additional information.

New Business:

There was no new business discussed at this time.

Announcements / Upcoming Events:

July 15 – Tax Seminar, hosted by Randy Kaup with Moorman and Harting and Co. Discussing both business and personal tax information, 2009 changes / updates. Cost is \$5.00 for Chamber members and \$10.00 non Chamber member. A box lunch will be provided. Please see the Chamber's website for additional information and to rsvp.

July 30-31 – Sidewalk Sales – downtown Coldwater

July 31 – August 2 – Coldwater Community Picnic (you can view the website for a list of events and times for the picnic)

September 10th- 7K Patriot Run / Walk Relay

September 20th – 2009 Business EXPO – Application attached.

MEMBERS: If you do not wish to be listed as a business that accepts the Chamber's Gift Certificates please let me know by July 30, 2009 so that you are not listed as a business who accepts the gift Certificates.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 11, 2009 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE. AS ALWAYS ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.