



MINUTES – June 8, 2010

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. at the Coldwater Village Offices.

The meeting was called to order by Greg Homan, president, with the following trustees present: Jill Timmerman, Toni Klosterman, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, Kristy Kahlig, Mark Lennartz, Ken Obringer, Troy Steinbrunner, Dan Broering, and Mandy Wendel. Also present was Eric Thomas, Village Manager.

The minutes from the May trustee meeting were approved with a motion by Ken Obringer and a second by Mark Lennartz. Dan Broering gave the treasurer's report with an ending balance for the month of May for the regular checking account of \$5,309.71 and the Gift Certificate checking balance of \$4,428.66. Kristy Kahlig and Toni Klosterman motioned to approve.

In old business, the trustees discussed the 2010 membership renewal drive. Currently, 101 businesses have renewed their 2010 membership dues. New membership plates have been distributed by the membership committee. Any organization that would like to become or continue to be a chamber member should turn in their dues as soon as possible. Please contact any trustee if you have questions or concerns or if you have not yet received your 2010 membership plate.

Also in old business, Greg Homan gave an update on the circus on behalf of Randy Kaup. The workers were very appreciative of the juice and breakfast donated by the Chamber. All went well and the circus had a good turnout.

The trustees continued in old business with discussion on a food stand to be held Friday, July 30th of the Coldwater Picnic at the Coldwater mall area. Kristy Kahlig updated the trustees on the plans for this food stand. The chamber will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, water, and Gatorade Friday evening through the fireworks.

In other old business, Toni Klosterman discussed the sidewalk sales. The Chamber will once again be having a tent and distributing Chamber maps, directories, and bags. ****Once again, the chamber is asking for members to donate promotional items for the chamber bags during this year's side walk sales. If you have any items (pens, golf tees, etc.) that you would like to have "stuffed" in the bags, please deliver them to Toni Klosterman at State of the Heart no later than Thursday, July 22.****

Lastly in old business, revisions to the bylaws regarding individual memberships were tabled to the July meeting.

In new business, the trustees began discussion on the Coldwater Picnic parade. The parade committee will begin working on this and is looking for any ideas. Please contact Troy Steinbrunner if you have any ideas.

In other new business, discussion was held regarding dues for non-profit organizations. Consideration was made for the Coldwater Library. Due to the library selling Coldwater Chamber gift certificates for the Chamber at no cost, a motion was made by Kristy Kahlig to waive their annual member dues. Troy Steinbrunner seconded the motion.

Also in new business, Mandy Wendel presented to the Board photos from years past Chamber events. Lisa Niekamp-Urwin will be adding these photos to the Chamber website. Take a moment to view these photos as www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com

Lastly in new business, Mandy Wendel read a suggestion from a Chamber member to host a Farmer's Market the week prior to the Coldwater Picnic. A discussion was held; due to the timeline this is something the Board of Trustees will consider for next year. The board will begin to look into the solicitation policies of the Village and getting approval for a location. **The Chamber Board of Trustees is asking for any feedback on this event and suggestions on how to make this a successful event if pursued. We welcome any feedback!

Ken Obringer and Toni Klosterman motioned to adjourn the meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 13TH AT 7:30 AM AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE.
AS ALWAYS, ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!