



MINUTES – June 9, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 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, Ken Obringer, Greg Homan, Jill Timmerman, Kelli Steinbrunner, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, Mandy Wendel, Toni Klosterman, Randy Kaup & John Yoder. Village Administrator, Eric Thomas was also present.

The May minutes were approved with a motion by John Yoder and a second by Randy Kaup.

Treasurer's report was given by Dan Broering with a reported balance, as of May 31, as checking = \$7,366.88 and Gift Certificate account at \$5,298.66. Kelli Steinbrunner moved to accept the treasurer's report and Greg Homan seconded the motion.

Old Business:

Financial Committee: Reported on the recent Putt-Putt Golf outing. The event helped to support the annual Scholarship fund that is given out to a senior student each year. Thank you to those community business, who sponsored a hole or donated door prizes for the event

Mark Obringer reported on the upcoming 7k run/walk relay hosted by Innergy Fitness and the Chamber. Event is scheduled for September 10 with the race starting at 6:30pm.

Please see the chamber's website: www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com, to print out a registration form and details on the event. T-Shirt sponsors for the event are needed. If you are interested in making a donation to have your logo on the event T-shirt, please contact Deanna Davis at Innergy Fitness. Members can help support the event by printing the flyer off of the website and displaying it in your windows and or your break rooms. The proceeds of the event will go to support the local fire fighters and a charitable organization that provides 100% of their donations to support seriously wounded service men and women. Information on this charitable organization can be found on the website as well under the 7k Patriot Race.

Eric Thomas reported on the continued efforts of printing new bags for the upcoming chamber events. The bags will display the Chamber's new log. Eric is currently obtaining quotes for best pricing.

Membership Committee:

Kelli Steinbrunner gave an update on the membership renewal drive. There are currently 31 members who have not yet submitted their annual dues for the 2009 year. With invoice mailings sent out last month, a phone call will be made to each business that has not yet submitted their annual dues. If you have not yet renewed your membership you may do so by printing off and filling out a renewal form located on the Chamber's website. If you have already sent in your annual dues, a 2009 membership plate to place on your chamber plaque will be delivered to you in the next week or two. If you are a member who needs a plaque please contact Kelli Steinbrunner and one will be delivered to you.

Programs Committee:

Greg Homan thanked Mandy Wendel and Briarwood Village for hosting the Business After Hours this past month.

Greg also announced the next upcoming seminar to be sponsored by the Chamber. Randy Kaup, with Moorman and Harting and Co., will be presenting a seminar on taxes. This Seminar will be addressing both personal and business tax

do's and don'ts. He will also be taking questions from the audience. This seminar is scheduled for July 15th. A box lunch will be provided. We ask that anyone interested please rsvp by July 13th. Cost is \$5.00 for chamber members and \$10.00 for non chamber members. You can forward your rsvp's to Greg Homan at greg.homan@wright.edu or you can rsvp by using the Chamber's website.

An updated chamber membership listing will be available on the website by the end of the month. This will give those business, who have not yet sent in their renewals, time to do so before the business directory / chamber brochures are updated.

Mark Obringer communicated on the upcoming community picnic. Sidewalk sales will be July 30 & 31st. As always any business wishing to donate promotional items for the Chamber bags may drop off their items to John Yoder at the Edward Jones location. Bags will be passed out during the sidewalk sales at the Chamber tent. Mark also communicated that the Chamber will once again be represented at the Lemonade Stand at the Community Picnic. A sign up sheet for volunteers to work will be available at next month's meeting.

Trustees discussed the upcoming Business Expo. The event is scheduled for September 20th at the high school auditorium. Attached to the minutes is a registration form for the event. If anyone has any questions please contact John Yoder at john.yoder@edwardjones.com or kelli.steinbrunner@accutechfilms.com for more details.

New Business:

John Yoder reported on the movement of the current downtown radio system from Sower's Interiors to The Mr. Shoppe. NuWave quoted the project. After discussion by the trustees it was agreed to table the project until later in the year.

John also reported that he had recently been approached with having the Chamber sponsor some sort of "Corporate Challenge". The idea of renting out the Overdrive location on 127 and having chamber members come in and compete in different styles of games (Wii, bowling, pool etc.) Trustees agreed to look into the Overdrive facility and see if interest could be generated.

Mark Obringer communicated that in recent years, the chamber has always managed the planting and maintenance of the flower boxes downtown. The time that it takes to maintain these planters has always been donated by community members. Trustees were notified that this is the last year that the individuals donating their time will do this. It was discussed by the trustees, to make a donation to an organization to maintain the flower planters through downtown.

As a reminder to all chamber members, the chamber does offer gift certificates that can be used at most Chamber member business locations. For a complete listing of details please visit the Chamber's website.

Announcements: All members please, be sure to return your annual dues by JUNE 30th. Please update your business information and forward in your payment. Note, that you can also access the annual due renewal form via the new Chamber website at www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com

BUSINESS SEMINAR – Wednesday July 15th. Location to be announced. Topic is on Business and Personal Tax Do's and Don'ts. Presenter: Randy Kaup with Moorman & Harting and Co.

7K Run / Walk Relay – Thursday September 10th, 2009. Race time is at 6:30pm in front of Innergy Fitness. Registration available at Innergy Fitness and www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com

2009 Business EXPO – Sunday September 20th. High School Auditorium. Registration available on the Chamber's website.

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