



MINUTES – May 11, 2010

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 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, Pete Lisi, Toni Klosterman, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, Kristy Kahlig, Mark Lennartz, Randy Kaup, Troy Steinbrunner, Dan Broering, and Mandy Wendel. Also present was Eric Thomas, Village Manager.

The March trustee meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Kristy Kahlig and a second by Toni Klosterman. Dan Broering gave the treasurer's report with an ending balance for the month of April for the regular checking account of \$6,028.59 and the Gift Certificate checking balance of \$7,163.66. Pete Lisi and Randy Kaup motioned to approve.

In old business, Mark Lennartz of Chiefs Supermarket was introduced to the Chamber trustees. Mark will be replacing John Gardner's position on the board of trustees. John had to step down as a trustee to due to increasing responsibilities with his new position. Lisa Niekamp-Urwin moved to accept Mark as the replacement trustee and Dan Broering seconded the motion. Mark will fulfill the remaining term as trustee for Chief Supermarket. We thank John and Mark for their service to the Chamber of Commerce.

Also in old business, the trustees discussed the 2010 membership renewal drive. Currently, 89 businesses have renewed their 2010 membership dues. New membership plates are being 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.

The trustees continued in old business with Greg Homan informing the board that the Chamber Scholarship was awarded Monday evening; this year's scholarship winner was Kendra Koesters. Greg also discussed that a donation of \$150 was made to the Coldwater After-Prom, and a thank you note was received.

In other old business, Randy Kaup gave an update on the Coldwater Circus to be held May 16. Randy spoke with Larry Wolfe and the Chamber will be donating juice and donuts for those setting up that morning. Randy will be there to assist.

Kristi Kahlig also gave an update to the trustees on a possible fundraiser during the Coldwater Picnic. The Chamber will be having a food stand at the Coldwater Mall on Friday of the Coldwater picnic. Look for details in the near future.

Lastly in old business, Greg Homan discussed the Chamber by-laws and proposed changes. All changes will be brought to the annual meeting for approval.

In new business, the trustees began discussion on the Sidewalk Sales. The sidewalk committee chair, Toni Klosterman, will begin working on this event. 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 that the chamber hands out, please deliver them to Toni Klosterman at State of the Heart no later than Thursday July 22.

In further new business, it was asked that Chamber trustees begin brainstorming ideas for the upcoming Coldwater parade.

Lastly in old business, Eric Thomas informed the trustees that the new website for the Village of Coldwater is now up and running at www.villageofcoldwater.com. He asks that local businesses view the business section of the website to ensure that their business information is correct.

Pete Lisi and Troy Steinbrunner motioned to adjourn the meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 8TH AT 7:30 AM AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE.
AS ALWAYS, ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!