



## MINUTES – November 10, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 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: Ken Obringer, Dan Broering, Greg Homan, Jill Timmerman, Kelli Steinbrunner, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, Toni Klosterman, Many Diller & John Yoder. Village Administrator, Eric Thomas was also present.

The October minutes were approved with a motion by Lisa Niekamp-Urwin and a second by John Yoder.

Treasurer's report was given by Dan Broering with a reported balance of: \$6665.89 in checking and \$5,833.66 in the gift certificate account. Greg Homan moved to accept the treasures report and Lisa Niekamp-Urwin seconded.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Membership Committee:**

No activity at this time to report

#### **Financial Committee:**

No activity at this time to report

#### **Programs Committee:**

**Sound System Project:** John Yoder reported that NuWave has ran the lines to move the downtown system from Sowar's to The Mr. Shoppe. All that we are waiting for is the new amplifier. Once that has arrived, the project will be completed. This is expected to be finished in the next few days and in time for the Holiday Open House.

**Down Town Open House-** Toni Klosterman reported that all is ready for the holiday festivities scheduled for **November 22**. Trustees will be meeting up this Thursday at 3pm., at the Santa House, to decorate. Trees have been ordered and will be delivered on Thursday as well. It was also communicated that **BARGAIN HUNTERS** donated all the Christmas Open House posters for the downtown area(s).

**Santa Comes to town-** Toni Klosterman also reported that all is underway for the arrival of Santa on **November 28**. She suggested to the trustees that we consider offering pony rides to the children. Leninger's pony's have the date open and we would charge \$1.00 or a can food donation would be accepted. All food donations would be given to the local Food Pantry. Greg Homan motioned and John Yoder 2<sup>nd</sup> to have pony rides at the Santa Comes to Town festivities.

**Downtown Christmas Decorations:** Eric Thomas communicated that there is very little Christmas decorations on the west side of town. It was motioned by John Yoder and seconded by Ken Obringer to allow Eric Thomas to purchase additional Christmas decorations to finish the west side of town using the funds generated from the 7k patriot race with a budget of \$800.00.

**Flower Planters Downtown:** Eric Thomas also communicated that this past year, was the last year, that Willie and Marilyn Froelich would be taking care of the flowers down town. A big thank you goes out to them for the time in keeping the downtown area beautiful. It was motioned by Lisa Niekamp-Urwin and seconded by Ken Obringer to allow Alex Uhlenhake to take care of the down flower pots for next year.

## **New Business:**

**Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA):** Greg Homan reported on the upcoming SOCA presentation. Greg communicated that both the Ft. Recovery chamber and the Celina Chamber are both interested in teaming up with the Coldwater Chamber in organizing and scheduling a breakfast event that will allow current chamber members and potential chamber members to come and hear about the benefits that are available to them by SOCA by being a Chamber member. A representative from SOCA will be on hand to communicate all benefits and answer any questions. Please plan on attending this VERY informative meeting. Information will follow on date and location. It was moved by Kelli Steinbrunner and seconded by John Yoder to allow up to \$200.00 for postage to mail out invitations / flyers to members of the organizing chambers and business that are not members.

**Annual Chamber Banquet:** The Annual Banquet is just around the corner. Members, please take time to submit your nominations for the following awards:

- Citizen of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Business of the Year
- Community Improvement

You can find an explanation of each category, as the second attachment to this email. Please forward your nomination along with a brief explanation to Mark Obringer, John Yoder, Kelli Steinbrunner or Greg Homan. Nominations are due by Tuesday January 12, 2009.

**Trustee Openings:** There will be 2 Trustee Openings for the upcoming year. If you are interested in serving a 3 year term as a chamber trustee please send a note of interest to anyone of the trustee members. This is a great opportunity to meet the community and to help support the business in our area.

**Announcements:** If your business has any events that you would like posted onto the Chamber's website, please email your information to Lisa Niekamp-Uriwn at: [lurwin@ttecht.com](mailto:lurwin@ttecht.com) Lisa will be more than happy to post your event(s) on the Chamber's website to help communicate it to the other members.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 8, 2009 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE. AS ALWAYS ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.