



## MINUTES – October 13, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 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, Greg Homan, Jill Timmerman, Kelli Steinbrunner, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, Toni Klosterman, Randy Kaup, Many Diller & John Yoder. Village Administrator, Eric Thomas was also present.

Also in attendance were guests; Don and Roger from Nu-Wave, Pete Lisi from Coldwater Schools.

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

Treasurer's report was given, a reported balance, as of September 30, as checking = \$7,053.50 and Gift Certificate account at \$5,438.66. Toni Klosterman moved to accept the treasurer's report and Kelli Steinbrunner seconded.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Membership Committee:**

No activity at this time to report

#### **Financial Committee:**

**Patriot 7k re-cap:** Mark Obringer reported that there were over 300 participants that participated in the event. Event grossed over \$3,300. Coldwater chamber received \$750.00. Mark communicated on plans for next year's event and the ideas for improvement.

**Sound System Project:** Nu-Wave was present to discuss the cost and involvement of moving the current sound / PA system from Sower's to the Mr. Shop. This would enable holiday music to be featured down town during the majority of the holiday season as well as during other events throughout the year. It was moved by Greg Homan and seconded by Kelli Steinbrunner to allow up to \$1600 for the relocation and updating of the sound system down town.

#### **Programs Committee:**

**Business Expo re-cap:** John Yoder and Lisa Niekamp-Urwin shared survey results and activity from the event. Had over 300 patrons come to the event. A survey of the exhibitors was shared with positive feedback / comments. This year's Expo was a big success and much appreciation to John Yoder and the rest of the Expo planning committee for a job well done!

**Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance:** Toni Weideling, spoke to the trustees on the insurance discounts / benefits that is offered to all members of the Chamber. Information regarding the discount on benefits will be posted on the Chamber's website and additional communication programs will be scheduled. If you are interested in hearing more information on the insurance benefits offered through the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance, please let Greg Homan or Kelli Steinbrunner know.

#### **New Business:**

Toni Klosterman will chair the Holiday Open house event and Santa Comes to town. John Yoder has Jerry at Bargain Hunters completing posters for businesses to display in their windows. Holiday Open house is currently scheduled for

November 22 and Santa Comes to Town is scheduled for November 28. Trustees will be working on the Santa House on Thursday November 12.

Pete Lisi, with Coldwater Schools, spoke to the trustees in regards to the program "donorchoose.org". This is a web based program where educators can post programs to obtain grants / funding. Mr. Lisi communicated that if you or your business is interesting in donating you can go to [www.donorchoose.org](http://www.donorchoose.org) and view the many projects that are in need of funding. Once you make your donation a receipt / certificate will be printed for tax deduction purposes. Anyone interested in more information may contact Pete Lisi or log onto the chamber's website to see what projects, from the Coldwater area, are in need of funding.

**Announcements:** Holiday Open House is scheduled for November 22; Santa Comes to Town is scheduled for November 28. Look for more details in the downtown area.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 10, 2009 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE. AS ALWAYS ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.