

## Amboy Chamber of Commerce

February 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm in the KSB Hospital Building by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Secretary Report:** No report for the December meeting. The January meeting was the Holiday Party.

**Treasurer Report:** Presented by Ms. Daniels. She stated that she finally was able to get all account ledgers to balance. The Amboy News requested an invoice for membership. Ms. Daniels made a motion to accept the report with Ms. Revenig second. The vote passed.

### Old Business:

Chamber Bucks: It was discussed to add an expiration date to Chamber Bucks that are used in the Holiday Drawing to help with accounting purposes. Any Chamber Bucks that are purchased from the Chamber will NOT have an expiration date.

Holiday Party: It was a good time at Countryside Tap. Possible choices for next year were discussed (Long Branch, Kevin's Catering) and will be contingent on the membership status for the year.

Website: We still need to finish up updating the website.

Chamber Brochures: We need to call Carol to find out the status of this project. She will be in Florida until next week.

Surveys: The Board has decided to pick some businesses to survey to help revitalize our organization. If any business would like to complete the survey, be sure to email [amboychamber@gmail.com](mailto:amboychamber@gmail.com) or call 815.857.2458 to request a survey.

Board Vacancies: The current Board has 4 seats that need to be filled. We are accepting any nominations at this time. Please contact a board member to place your nomination.

### New Business:

Membership Window Clings: City Hall has ordered these in the past. The Board needs to contact Ms. Eisenburg to get details.

Ribbon Cutting Committee: We have a new business that needs a ceremony: Erbes Technology Consulting.

Meet the Candidates: There is a tentative date set for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6 or 7 pm in the Amboy Community Center. Ms. Kelly mentioned that times past they have only done a Meet the Candidates during a Mayoral Election. There is a possibility that the turnout will be down since it is only an Alderman election. The board would like input from other Chamber members if we should hold this event.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration: Ms. Hoy asked the Chamber if they were going to organize the area July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. No decision was made at the time and was sent to the board for discussion.

Chamber Social: The name of the Chamber fellowship events was discussed between Chamber Social, Business After Hours and Business After Business. A motion was made by Ms. Daniels to call it "Chamber Socials", seconded by Ms. Revenig. The motion passed.

Farmers Market: We need to start planning for this year. We would like to add Crafts/Flea Market this year. Bullet points for this committee are to 1. Organize Sellers and 2. Advertise. Any help/thoughts would be greatly appreciated in getting this project to grow.

Halloween Fest: Nothing new to report

Christmas Walk: Already set for November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 1-4. Things that need to be done: Call Eileen Quest for music, Contact the rides people in August, Verify Santa Clause at the Illinois Fire Store, Contact Kathy McKeel in August to have the band perform, Advertise in the Amboy News and the Telegraph, Organize the tree decorating contest, Pick a family to light the tree with the Mayor.

Chamber Bucks: The members of the committee were named: Colin Baker and Vicki Revenig.

By-Laws: A question was raised about the differences between Full Membership and Associate Membership. Our current By-Laws do not distinguish any differences. The Board will discuss the differences and present an amendment to our current By-Laws.

**Other Business:**

Email: The Chamber will be utilizing email as a form of communication. If businesses are not receiving any emails, please check any "junk" folders or contact a board member to verify a correct address.

Depot Days: The Chamber is responsible for the Carnival. A member of the Chamber will need to attend the Depot Days Committee meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.