

Amboy Chamber of Commerce  
Meeting  
April 9, 2013

Present: Dr. Colin Baker, Vickie Revenig, Angela DeVries, Dave Erbes, Nancy Herrald.

The reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed by members present and approved.

Treasurer's Report: No formal report submitted. Dr. Baker gave the end of month balance: \$3228.10. Approved.

Old Business: *Meet the Candidates* held on Monday, March 25, 2013. There were 3 mayoral candidates and 4 aldermen. The Chamber hosted this function at the Community Building. Angela DeVries was the moderator with time keeping from Vickie Revenig. Dr. Baker prepared the questions that were submitted. Discussion for future *Meet the Candidates* included: 1. If we undertake this again there should be more clear instructions on the public submitting questions. 2. Better advertising. 3. Whether we should accept questions direct from the audience.

Dr. Baker does have a transcription of the Meet The Candidates which includes the speech by G.G. Garcia who spoke after the meeting concluded. Mr. Garcia's speech was read aloud by Dr. Baker.

Christmas Walk: No discussion.

New Business: For "See'um At The Museum". Discussion on doing the program again this year and should we consider doing 2 movies versus 4 and potentially scheduling this around the 4-H Fair. Omit the concessions being handled by the Chamber but rather allow businesses to sell food or water if they desire. Also discussed doing a 'trial run' of the movie to make sure the screen is the correct size, the sound system works correctly, etc.

A Portable Sound System purchase was being investigated by Dr. Baker. For \$800 the Chamber would own a nice system that would work for the Movie Night but

could also be used for the Christmas Walk. There would not be commitment to purchase the equipment unless the Movie Night would be approved to run this year. We will discuss again at the May meeting.

Depot Days Carnival is the next large upcoming event.

It was mentioned that there was a 'ribbon cutting' at Twigs and Sprigs" which was attended by former Mayor Mekeel, Deane Hoy. Twigs and Sprigs is not a Chamber member but it was discussed to offer a free 1 year Chamber membership to any new business to entice them to stay as a member in the future.

Amboy Jr. High is changing its school colors to red and black to coincide with the high school. They are holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and requested a donation. The Chamber will offer Chamber Bucks as a donation.

Meeting ended at 6:05 pm.