

Amboy Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes
9/13/2011

The meeting was called at 5:02 pm in the KSB Hospital Building by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Colin Baker, Ginger Daniels, Vicki Revenig, David Erbes, Bonita Willis, Nancy Herrald, and Amanda Walters

Secretary Report: A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Erbes, second Mrs. Walters. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ms. Herrald, second Mr. Erbes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

1. Ribbon Cutting: A ceremony was held for Starlight Dance Studio on August 11 @ 6:30 pm. Those present were Mr. Baker, Mr. Erbes, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Walters, and Mrs. Eisenburg. There are two businesses for next month, Erbes Technology Consultants and Maria's Pizza. The ceremonies are scheduled for October 10 or 11.
2. Depot Days Carnival: Mr. Baker discussed the signed contract with Wilsons Family Farm for 2012 Depot Days. He also presented the monies collected from the Canival which totaled \$4850. A motion was made by Mrs. Revenig, second by Mr. Erbes to donate 65% or \$3152.50 to the Depot Museum. This includes the usual annual donation to the Depot as well as the additional Port-a-potties during the festival.
3. Chamber Social: On 3 Photo will host our October Chamber Social on October 11 (in place of the regular meeting). Please contact Beth Shaw or Colin Baker for more information.
4. Farmer's Market: Reported that vendors continue to show up, even during the rainstorm the week of Depot Days.
5. Chamber Bucks: The cans will be distributed last week of October ready for a November start. There was a discussion about the prize pickup location. A motion was made by Mrs. Walters, second Mrs. Daniels to have the Amboy News distribute the winning Chamber Bucks. The motion carried.
6. Christmas Walk: The Christmas Walk Committee presented their ideas (see attached report). There are many activities and opportunities to participate as a Chamber member. A motion was made by Mrs. Walters, second Mr. Erbes to provide the committee with \$1200.00 for supplies/prices/refreshments for the walk, with an additional amount of up to \$600 for A-Frame Chalkboard Signs. The motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Amboy Sign-nothing new to report
2. Goals-due to time constraints, the goals were tabled by Mr. Baker.

New Business:

1. Membership Questions: Recently, some membership dues have been paid nearing the end of the year. The question was raised as if these dues can be used for the remainder of the calendar year and the following year. It was discussed to pro-rate the following year quarterly (\$12.50/quarter) and invoiced to the business at the beginning of the year.
2. By-Laws: Our by-laws still need to have some language modified for clarity as well as

add some amendments for membership. We need to contact an attorney to establish proper voting/proxies as membership presence at meetings is less than the stated quorum.

Other Business:

1. Brick Fundraiser: A letter from Carol Biester was read thanking the Chamber for helping promote this fundraiser at Depot Days. They have sold 24 bricks so far.
2. Mail Call: The Sauk Valley Chamber of Commerce is establishing a Small Business Development Center (SBDC). There is a round table discussion scheduled Monday, September 19, 2011 at 2:30 pm in the Ryber Auditorium CGH Medical center. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP at 815.625.2400 or kewoldsen@saukvalleyareachamber.com

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.