



St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce
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Regular St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President Tom Larson at 11:10 a.m., January 17, 2007, at Tasty Pizza in St. Francis.

Members present: Tom Larson, Amy Lazere, Stacy Ridge, Lori Gerhardson, Connie Tillman, Gail Mengelkoch and Brian Opp

Members absent: Dana Kinde, Dave Schulte

Others present: Alicia Loehlein, Michelle Anderson, Mike Conner, Janice Audette

1. Call to Order

2. Previous Month's Minutes

- a. November minutes were approved.

3. Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report by Dana Kinde was approved.
 1. January Chamber bills due include Janice Audette for new members, Randy Dressen for Santa suit, Printing Unlimited for folders, The Courier for publications and St. Francis Flowers for dinner centerpieces; total expenses of \$568.41.
 2. Account balances: operating account balance of \$5,361.12; golf account balance of \$5,798.34; and dinner account balance \$7,092.18; for total deposits of \$18,251.64
- b. December Tree Lighting Report
 1. Lori reported the event was a success with many people in attendance.
 2. Changes for next year may include a change of time, not publicizing an end time and bring back Mayor Dressen as Santa and the Madrigal Singers.
 3. The Board discussed and approved sending a thank you and donation to the Madrigal Singers for their appearance at the event. Alicia will have Dana write them a check for \$100.
- c. New Members
 1. Alicia has a current count of 70 Chamber members. Tom would like to see us reach a goal of 100.

4. Old Business

- a. City Welcome Sign Update
 1. The City has received Mn/DOT approval for the sign along Highway 47 on the north edge of town. Tom will meet with Dave about the sign along County Road 9.
 2. Stacy will contact Brian from 3rd Dimension to see about getting the project started.

- b. Member Plaques
 - 1. Alicia is gathering information to catch up and keep up to date with the ordering of member plaques. She will also order 2007-08 stickers now that Dana has sent out billing.
- c. 2007 Events
 - 1. Business to Business Event scheduled for March 7 at The Ponds with hors'dourves and speed meeting/exchange of business cards.
 - 2. The next Chamber Sunrise Business Breakfast was scheduled for April 25 at Papa's Café.
 - 3. The next Chamber golf tournament was scheduled for August 14, with a 10 a.m. start. Amy will email Kerby and Joe to let them know.
 - 4. National Night Out is August 7.
 - 5. Jaycee's Cornfest date not yet known.
 - 6. Pioneer Days is June 9 & 10. The board would like to get going early on this to enable businesses to provide nice prizes.
 - 7. Locations for upcoming board meetings were set:
 - a. February 21, Billy's
 - b. March 21, Mansetti's
 - c. April 18, The Ponds (board meeting 10 a.m., annual meeting 11 a.m.)
 - d. May 16, Hong Kong Delight
 - e. June 20, Papa's Café
 - f. July 18, Tasty Pizza
 - g. August 15, Community Park, catered by Unique Dining Experiences
 - 8. After discussion, the board decided on October 12 for the annual dinner.
 - 9. Lighting of the Park was set for December 1, 4 p.m. Santa, 5 p.m. lighting; decorating Nov. 27 at 1 p.m.
- d. Chamber needs from The Courier.
 - 1. Alicia will come up with a prototype for a quarterly Chamber page in The Courier, which will list events and members, and photos and news.
 - 2. Alicia will link to the ISD15 Community Education site and vice versa, and will bring web site reports to the next meeting.
 - 3. Photos: Tom would like photos of new businesses and a photo of the new elected board.

5. New Business

- a. Michelle Anderson presented The Chamber her community web site, www.saintfranciscommunity.com. Her goal is to pull together community resources and work with The Chamber and other groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board will be held Wednesday, February 21, at Billy's in St. Francis.

Recorded by Alicia Loehlein, service representative.