



St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce

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**Regular St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order by president Amy Lazere at 11:00 a.m., January 16 at the St. Francis Community Center.

Members present: Connie Tillman, Lori Gerhardson, Amy Lazere, Gary Zimmerman, Dana Kinde, Kris Genck, Bob King, Dave Schulte

Members absent: Jeff Conner

Others present: Alicia Loehlein, Michelle Anderson

1. Call to Order

2. Previous Month's Minutes

- a. November meeting minutes were approved.

3. Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report by Dana Kinde was approved.
 1. January Chamber bills due include reimbursement to Amy for Lighting of the Park supplies.
 2. Account balances: operating account balance of \$42.57; golf account balance of \$5,220.32; and dinner account balance \$1,817.33; for total deposits of \$7,080.22.
 3. Kris questioned if there is any way to earn interest on the balance. Amy will find out what other chambers do.

4. Old Business

- a. Lighting of the Park
 1. Despite the hard work to decorate the park, the event was cancelled due to a snowstorm. Next year we will have a Plan B.
- b. Business Expo Update
 1. Connie reported members have been slow to turn in registrations – so far she only has four. Alicia had sent out an email reminder.
 2. The gym at the high school cannot be used – only the commons and hallways.
 3. Public flyers and a seminar date will be coming soon.

5. New Business

- a. Future Event Planning
 1. The board discussed how often to have events. Monthly with rotating seminars/networking was discussed.

2. The first planned event will be February 12 with a \$5 Subway catered lunch. Amy will try to contact Lyle Clem about speaking about taxes/financial planning.
- b. 2008 Budget
 1. A committee of Dana, Amy and Connie will go over accounts to see where the money goes.
 2. The board discussed possible goals and plans for spending money.
 3. Ideas included promoting business to the community and projects such as business district signs, connecting the “two” St. Francis’s and providing residents with an area guide. Connie will contact the people who put together the Zimmerman guide which she likes.
 - c. Board Member Attendance Rules
 1. According to the bylaws, after three consecutive unexcused absences action must be taken to replace that board member. When new members are elected, they will now be asked to sign a form agreeing to these rules. Kris will contact Jeff to see if he desires to remain on the board.
 - d. Board Member Election
 1. Alicia will send an email asking for committee members. Amy and Lori have reached their consecutive term limit, so their seats are up for election.
 - e. Snowmobiling in St. Francis
 1. Gary continues to have issues with the red “Stop, Turn Around” signs at the city’s entrances. He would like to ask the city to remove the signs.
 2. Kris supports him and they agreed to bring the issue to the next city council meeting.
 - f. Community Hotline
 1. Michelle Anderson has provided the Chamber with a free listing on her web site for the first year, and suggested exchanging membership.
 2. The board agreed to become a member of Michelle’s web site for \$150 yearly.
 - g. Chamber newsletter
 1. Connie would like to see a newsletter for members containing business news and promotions, delivered by email. Alicia will collect the information and email to members.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, February 20 at the St. Francis Community Center.

Recorded by Alicia Loehlein, service representative