



St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce  
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## **Regular St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Wednesday, February 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President Tom Larson at 11:07 a.m., February 21, 2007, at Billy's in St. Francis.

Members present: Tom Larson, Amy Lazere, Dana Kinde, Connie Tillman, Gail Mengelkoch and Brian Opp

Members absent: Stacy Ridge, Dave Schulte, and Lori Gerhardson

Others present: Alicia Loehlein, Tammy Sakry

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Reports**

- a. Treasurer's Report by Dana Kinde was approved.
  1. January Chamber bills due include The Courier for advertising, ISD 15 for mailing, Printing Unlimited for brochure printing, ISD 15 for domain name renewal reimbursement, and T&S Trophies for member plaques.
  2. Account balances: operating account balance of \$5,579.12; golf account balance of \$5,798.34; and dinner account balance \$7,092.18; for total deposits of \$18,469.64.

### **3. Old Business**

- a. City Welcome Sign Update
  1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dimension Stoneworks has been working on the signs in their shop. They need a down payment for half the cost. Dana will get them \$7,000.
  2. Tom or Brian will talk with Ponds workers to determine a location for the County Road 9 sign.
- b. Annual Dues and Stickers
  1. Dana has sent out the 2007-08 membership dues and approximately half have paid.
  2. Alicia has been ordering membership plaques and stickers and will distribute them.
- c. Golf Tournament
  1. Set for Tuesday, August 14 at The Refuge, 10 a.m. shotgun start. Amy will get pricing information.
- d. Speed Networking Event, March 7, The Ponds, 4:30-6 p.m.
  1. Alicia will send out reminder emails and make phone calls to members.
- e. Sunrise Business Breakfast, April 25, Papa's Cafe
  1. Tom will get a speaker to talk on personnel issues.

### **4. New Business**

- a. Pioneer Days, June 8-10

1. The Chamber will again have its booth in Community Park with the wheel. Volunteers are needed to run the booth 9-5 on Saturday, and noon-4 on Sunday. Alicia will put a sign up on the web site.
- b. Co-Host Business Expo with Women of Today
  1. Brian presented the idea from the Women of Today to co-host a business expo with the Chamber.
  2. The board discussed details such as when, and where to have it, how to market it and what things to have at such an event.
  3. Future meetings will be planned with the Women of Today and Debbie Bray, Chamber member, who runs the successful Isanti Home Show.
- c. Kids Day America, May 19, noon-3 p.m.
  1. Brian presented information about this nation-wide event that he would like to bring to St. Francis. The day is for children's wellness and safety activities.
  2. He will need donations from businesses. He will have more details at the next meeting.
- d. Board Member Elections
  1. Three positions on the board will be open.
  2. Amy and Alicia will send out letters asking for nominations.
  3. Dana and Connie volunteered for the nominating committee.
- e. Scholarship Request
  1. The board approved to give St. Francis High School a \$1,500 check to go toward scholarships for students.
  2. Dana will send in the information. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher grade point average, study a business-related field, and have community involvement.
  3. The SFHS scholarship night is Wednesday, May 16, someone from the board will present the scholarship.

## **5. Other Business**

- a. St. Francis Ambassadors
  1. Gail presented about the group's upcoming recruiting, and a garage sale for a former ambassador recovering from a life-threatening illness.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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

Recorded by Alicia Loehlein, service representative.