



St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce

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**Regular St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Members present: David Johnson, Gary Zimmerman, Dana Kinde, Connie Tillman,
Members absent: Kris Genck, Bob King, Larry Anderson, Dave Schulte
Others present: Alicia Loehlein, Amber Eisenschenk

1. Call to Order

- a. The regular monthly meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President David Johnson at 10:00 a.m., April 15, at Anoka Hennepin Credit Union.

2. Previous Month's Minutes

- a. March meeting minutes were approved. Alicia will make the change regarding the fee for changing the fiscal year. The \$250 fee is to the IRS, not Sara Sauer.

3. Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report by Dana Kinde was approved.
 1. April Chamber bills due include expo items: yard signs, bags, advertising, postage.
 2. Account balances: operating account balance of \$13,247.58, and money market of \$10,052.80, for a total balance of \$23,300.38.
 3. It was noticed that some expo vendors have signed up for the expo as a Chamber member, even though they are not up to date on dues. Connie and Dana will see who these are and let them know they owe dues.
 4. Amber Eisenschenk from the St. Francis Ambassador program was on hand to request the Chamber donate \$1,000 to the organization. In the past the Chamber has donated \$500, but this year the program needs additional funds to make improvements to their float. The board approved \$1,000 to the program. Amber will fill out the donation form for Chamber records.

4. Old Business

- a. Business Expo Update
 1. As of 4/15/09 there are 67 exhibitors signed up. Connie estimates profit may be around \$3,000.
 2. The Chamber will have an ad in The Courier like last year with the cash prize winner and list of Chamber members.
 3. Connie is making buttons for exhibitors, committee members and volunteers.
- b. 2009 Golf Tournament
 1. Kerby has secured bids from The Ponds and The Refuge for the golf tournament. The Ponds price was almost \$500 less.
 2. The board agreed to give The Refuge a chance to match and Kerby could make the final decision.
 3. The tentative date has been set for Wednesday, August 12, 9 a.m.

5. New Business

- a. Future Event Ideas
 1. David J. has arranged an event for May 13 with new St. Francis Mayor Jerry Tveit and a new member showcase. He is still working to secure a location and time.
- b. Chamber Points

1. Connie offered the idea of Chamber Points to get people more involved. The more a member participates, the more points they would earn toward a discount on Chamber dues, etc.

6. Other

- a. As only four board members were present, the board discussed if they could vote on issues, given there was no quorum. The bylaws only state a 2/3 board majority is needed to amend the bylaws. Nothing is mentioned about regular voting.
- b. The board decided to go ahead at this meeting with voting and address this change in bylaws.

7. Annual Meeting

- a. The Annual Meeting was held at 11 a.m. at the St. Francis Community Center. Approximately 25 Chamber members were present.
- b. President David Johnson introduced the new board members: Janice Audette, Kerby Scherer, Brian Opp and Lynn Moe. He then acknowledged outgoing board members Connie Tillman and Dana Kinde.
- c. Dana spoke about the community Diversity Outreach Team and handed out stickers for businesses to display.
- d. Connie spoke about the business expo and the importance of member participation.
- e. David spoke about the previous year's events.
- f. Mansetti's catered lunch.

The regular monthly meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

Recorded by Alicia Loehlein, Service Representative