



St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce

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**Regular St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 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., May 20, at the St. Francis Community Center.

Members present: Connie Tillman, Dana Kinde, Gary Zimmerman, David Johnson, Kris Genck,
Larry Anderson

Members absent: Dave Schulte, Bob King, Dave Langseth

Others present: Amy Lazere, Lori Gerhardson

1. Call to Order

2. Previous Month's Minutes

- a. April meeting minutes were approved. Alicia made the change regarding Gary's presence at the April meeting.

3. Reports

- a. Election of Officers
 1. New officers for 2008-09 are: President-David Johnson, Vice President-Gary Zimmerman, Treasurer-Dana Kinde, and Secretary-Connie Tillman.
 2. Connie asked if more people should be on the board. After discussion, it was decided committee heads were sufficient.
 3. Committee heads are: Golf-Kerby Scherer, Dinner-Amy Lazere, National Night Out-Dana Kinde, Lighting of the Park-Lori Gerhardson, Pioneer Days-Amy Lazere, Area Guide-Connie Tillman, and Expo-Connie Tillman.
 4. Alicia was reaffirmed in her position as service representative.
- b. Treasurer's Report by Dana Kinde was approved.
 1. May Chamber bills due include fees for tax exempt status, annual meeting lunch, banner, display board, PO box, Courier ad, and Village Bank golf sponsorship.
 2. Account balances: operating account balance is \$15,343.11. The golf and dinner accounts have been merged into the operating account.
 3. Alicia put together a generic letter to send as a response to donation requests. She will email the template to Dana.
 4. Amy and Connie will operate the Chamber-sponsored hole at the Village Bank golf tournament May 21.

4. Old Business

- a. Area Guide/Mailers
 1. Connie has been in contact with Prime Advertising & Design of Rogers and local post offices to determine distribution numbers.
 2. The cost will depend on what advertising dollars can be generated.

- b. Pioneer Days, June 14&15
 - 1. Alicia mailed a letter requesting donations for the wheel and volunteers to operate the wheel. Items can be dropped of at AHCUC.
 - 2. The board thought it might be a busy Pioneer Days with gas prices keeping people in town.
 - 3. Alicia will send out an email asking for volunteers and donations and Barb with the city also needs volunteers for the parade.
- c. Golf Tournament, June 24, 9:30 a.m.
 - 1. Kerby has the golf tournament ready to go. Alicia mailed out the brochure/registration form last week.
 - 2. The St. Francis Ambassadors will be available to help.
- d. Monthly Lunches
 - 1. Connexus Energy is scheduled for May 22.
 - 2. Alicia received an email from Sara Sauer. She would like to present to the Chamber about school funding. The board decided on June 12.
- e. City Council Update
 - 1. No improvement has been made by councilmember Schaffer regarding his representation of the city.
 - 2. Most recently, Mr. Schaffer has been gathering bids to outsource the police department, which would have a negative impact on the city and business and save little, if no money in the end.
 - 3. A group, including Larry Anderson, is in the process of a recall.

5. New Business

- a. Review Bylaws
 - 1. Each member received a copy of the bylaws to review.
 - 2. Alicia created a board member attendance form for members to sign to agree to the attendance policy.
- b. Review Budget
 - 1. Dana will have budget information at the next meeting.
- c. Ambassador Committee
 - 1. Larry suggested doing more to welcome new businesses and Chamber members.
 - 2. Larry and Dana will be on this committee.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Monthly Lunch – May 22, Connexus, business efficiency
- b. Monthly Lunch – June 12, Sara Sauer, school funding
- c. Pioneer Days – June 14&15
- d. Golf Tournament – June 24

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

The next regular meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, June 18, at the St. Francis Community Center.

Recorded by Alicia Loehlein, Service Representative