



St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce

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**Regular St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Vice President Gary Zimmerman at 11:05 a.m., June 18, at the St. Francis Community Center.

Members present: Gary Zimmerman, Dave Schulte, Connie Tillman, Kris Genck

Members absent: Dana Kinde, Bob King, Dave Langseth, David Johnson, Larry Anderson

Others present: Amy Lazere

1. Call to Order

2. Previous Month's Minutes

- a. May meeting minutes were approved.

3. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

1. June Chamber bills due include Maus Corner for annual storage, The Courier for golf tournament flyers, Printing Unlimited for folders and envelopes, Alicia for pens/labels, markers, The Courier for June golf ad. These bills were approved.
2. Account balances: operating account balance of \$13,818.62.

b. Pioneer Days Report

1. Amy reported the community celebration was another success, despite some untimely weather Saturday night and some accidents in the area.
2. The Chamber Wheel had all 24 spots filled, and there was a line to spin it. Only one volunteer was absent. It is definitely a two-person job to operate the booth.
3. Next year more kid-friendly items are needed as it is mostly families who come to spin the wheel.

4. Old Business

a. Area Guide/Mailers

1. Connie has been in contact with Prime Advertising & Design of Rogers but recently they have been slow contact her so she is now looking at other options.
2. Amy will contact other chambers to see who they can recommend.

b. City Council Update

1. Councilmember Leroy Schaffer was in the news again recently after he made a phone call to 911 regarding suspected illegal aliens in the community. At the June 16 city council meeting, members of the community spoke for and against Schaffer.

2. The Chamber board agrees Schaffer is damaging the city and someone needs to step up to begin the recall process before he further embarrasses the city.
3. Amy would like to start the recall letter, which must be written and signed by five residents, then approximately 725 signatures would be needed for a recall. It is a long process.
4. It was discussed to make to make a petition for local business owners who may not be residents, but would support Mr. Schaffer's removal because he is affecting business in a negative way.

5. New Business

- a. Review Bylaws
 1. No one had further input on the Chamber bylaws
 2. The board encourages more people, especially new members, to get involved.
- b. Review Budget
 1. The board reviewed the budget information Dana sent with Alicia. She will be asked to clarify some items at the next meeting.
 2. The September pig roast was one event that was not successful and will probably not be done again.
 3. The board likes the full page ads in The Courier and would like to continue it with new member spotlights, news and upcoming events.
- c. Monthly Speaker Ideas
 1. Recent attendance at the monthly lunches has been low.
 2. Amy has the city and someone from the state lined up, but for July the board wanted to give new businesses a chance to promote themselves. There will be a New Member Showcase & Wine/Coffee Tasting July 22 at The Ponds. New 2008 Chamber members will be invited to come give a presentation about their business and beverages will be served.
 3. Another new event idea was for a potluck in the park for Chamber members and their employees. Amy will coordinate this and come up with dates.
- d. Golf Tournament
 1. Kerby has Micah Hagar and Tom Norman helping with the golf tournament this year.
 2. New this year will be the chance to buy an eagle or bogey and mulligans. As of June 18, 19 teams were signed up.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Golf Tournament – June 24
- b. Board Meeting – July 16
- c. New Member Showcase & Wine/Coffee Tasting – July 22

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, July 16, at the St. Francis Community Center.

Recorded by Alicia Loehlein, Service Representative