



St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce

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**Regular St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 15, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order by president Amy Lazere at 11:05 a.m., August 15, 2007, at the St. Francis Community Center.

Members present:, Jeff Conner, Connie Tillman, Dave Schulte, Lori Gerhardson, Amy Lazere, Gary Zimmerman, and Bob King

Members absent: Dana Kinde, Kris Genck

Others present: Kathy Downey of The Oaks, Alicia Loehlein

1. Call to Order

2. Previous Month's Minutes

- a. July meeting minutes were approved.

3. Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report by Dana Kinde
 1. Dana was unable to attend the meeting. The report was approved via email.

4. Old Business

- a. National Night Out
 1. The Chamber sponsored root beer floats and served more than 300. Amy will check into getting cups for such events.
- b. Golf Tournament
 1. The tournament had 58 golfers and 23 hole sponsors, making approximately \$2,500 profit for the Chamber.
 2. Kerby will attend next month's meeting will more details.
- c. Jaycee's Corn Fest
 1. The Chamber sponsored slushies, running out by 2:30 p.m.
 2. Amy said attending these events is worthwhile to get the Chamber out and involved in the community.
- d. Business Expo Plans
 1. Connie has been to the junior high and thinks it would be a good venue. She will get more information from Nancy Messerschmidt with ISD 15 regarding fees involved.
 2. Alicia talked with Lisa at the high school about combining the event with a career fair. Some board members thought it would be best to keep this separate.
 3. Jeff will get advertising pricing from area newspapers to promote the event planned for January of February.
- e. Donation Request Form and Bylaws
 1. Amy added a blurb from the bylaws to the donation request form.
- f. Ideas for Chamber benefits, events and funds

1. Amy will contact the new small business director at Anoka Ramsey Community College in Cambridge about speaking with the Chamber.
2. Bob brought up recycling and suggested a speaker from Anoka County to speak about how businesses can save money by recycling.

5. New Business

- a. Donation request from ISD 15
 1. Alicia presented the first donation request from Tom and ISD 15 for a monetary donation to the staff back to school breakfast. The board rejected the request based on the new bylaws: the request did not benefit the Chamber or its members.
- b. Chamber dinner committee
 1. The committee consists of Lori, Amy, Kris and Barb. Alicia will send out an email asking for more committee volunteers for the dinner and business expo.
 2. The dinner is scheduled for October 12, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner at The Ponds.
- c. Member luncheon at Community Park
 1. The board discussed having a community luncheon September 20 from 11-1 at St. Francis Community Park. Unique Dining Experiences will cater, having a pig roast and all the fixings.
 2. Advanced ticket sales only will be accepted, at a cost of \$9.
 3. Alicia will work on the tickets, flyers and ad for *The Courier*.
 4. Tickets will be sold at The Courier, St. Francis Insurance, Advanced Automotive and The Ponds.
- d. Anoka County New Resident List
 1. Amy spoke with the county and a new resident list can be obtained, quarterly, for \$200 a year. The board agreed it would be good to send a welcome packet to new residents as a way to promote The Chamber.

6. Other Additions

- a. Chamber wheel decal pricing
 1. Amy got pricing for the decals of approximately \$30 from Printing Unlimited. Alicia will send Mark the logos of Chamber members.
- b. Canopy
 1. A new canopy for outdoor events was purchased at Wal-Mart for \$80.

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, September 19 at the St. Francis Community Center.

Recorded by Alicia Loehlein, service representative.