



St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce
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Regular St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Wednesday, September 20, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President Tom Larson at 11:10 a.m., September 20, 2006, at The Ponds in St. Francis.

Members present: Tom Larson, Amy Lazere, Stacy Ridge, Lori Gerhardson, Connie Tillman, Dana Kinde, and Dave Schulte

Members absent: Gail Mengelkoch, Brian Opp

Others present: Alicia Loehlein, Barb Held

1. Call to Order

2. Previous Month's Minutes

- a. August minutes were approved.

3. Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report by Dana Kinde was approved.
 1. July Chamber bills due: IPowerWeb for web hosting, \$95.40
 2. Account balances: operating account balance of \$5,123.91; golf account balance of \$4,921.37; and dinner account balance \$4,870.46; for total deposits of \$14,915.74.

4. Old Business

- a. Chamber-sponsored city entrance monument
 1. Tom will attend the Oct. 2 St. Francis City Council meeting to discuss the issue and decide where the signs will go and who pays for permits and maintenance. Barb Held from the city was in attendance to answer questions.
 2. Stacy has been in contact with Brian from Third Dimension but he was not in attendance to present the design.
- b. Member update
 1. The board discussed getting Chamber information out through the newspaper, direct mail, phone calls and committees.
- c. New member packet
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- d. Annual Dinner, Friday, October 27, 2006 at The Refuge
 - 1. The invitations are complete and Amy and Alicia will get them mailed.
 - 2. Alicia will add the details to the web site.
 - 3. Tom gave the board The Courier ad and Amy made corrections.
 - 4. The board agreed to accept donations for the silent auction from non-Chamber members. Amy and Alicia will send out a letter asking for donations.

5. New Business

- a. Where to Meet?
 - 1. The board discussed meeting in the city hall's new room to have a permanent meeting place. It was decided to add the location into the breakfast rotation, but to continue to have meetings at various businesses to promote them.
- b. Meet the Candidates
 - 1. Barb Held asked if the Chamber would want to sponsor a meet the candidates event if the Women of Today do not.
 - 2. Tom will contact Women of Today to discuss the topic.
- c. Lighting of the Park
 - 1. The event will be put in The Courier.
 - 2. Land of Lakes Choirboys cannot attend. Stacy will call the high school to see if the Madrigal Singers would be interested in entertaining at the event.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Board will be held Wednesday, October 18, at Mansetti's.

Recorded by Alicia Loehlein, service representative.