



Columbia Chamber of Commerce –Board Meeting Minutes– 5/6/09

Meeting called to order by Lou Price at 6:43 held at the **Columbia Hills Country Club.**

Roll Call:

- [X] Debra Rose-President (09,10,11,12)
- [X] Louren Price-Vice President (09,10)
- [X] Patty Rolko -Treasurer (09,10,11)
- [X] Lynne Cook- Secretary (09,10,11)
- [X] Wayne Brassell – (09,10,11) should be (08,09)
- [X] Marnie Butler – (09,10,11,12)
- [] Joe Desmont – (09,10)
- [X] Ray Gurnick- (08,09,10) Came to meeting at 7:05PM
- [X] Pepper Richardson – (09,10,11)
- [X] Vi Seidel - (09,10,11,12)
- [X] Jim Wright Sr. - (08,09,10)

PREVIOUS MINUTES: 4/1/09

Lou Price asked for a motion to be made on the following board minutes with corrections for 4/1/09. Marnie Butler made a motion, _Vi Seidel 2nd motion to approve the 4/1/09 board meeting minutes with corrections. Lou Price called the motion to vote: **6__Yes, 0__ No, 1__ abstained.**

TREASURER REPORT:

- **ACCOUNT BALANCES**
 - ***Main Account Balance – \$4,883.85***
 - ***Homecoming Account Balance - \$13,804.44***
 - ***Engine Show - \$856.26***

- **PRESENT BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

It was discussed that the Columbia Hills bill for the member meeting dinner not be paid at this juncture due to the undercooked chicken that was served. Marnie made a suggestion that maybe 50% of the bill should be paid. It was decided that Patty would write a letter to Columbia Hills, as Lynne was unable to do so due to conflict of interest.

Debra Rose had presented Patty a bill of \$211.46 for Network Solutions for Domain Renewal/Hosting. Windstream's bill was \$37.26 for the month. The total to be paid from the Main account was \$248.72.

Bills from the Homecoming acct to be paid were \$92.45 to Debra rose for Prizes – Crowns for Homecoming, Lava Room \$1500.00 and Aris Co. for \$1007.00 for the Porta Potties for a total of \$2599.45 from the Homecoming account.

Lou Price asked for a motion to be made on paying the bills. Marnie Butler made a motion, _Vi Seidel 2nd motion to approve paying the bills. Lou Price called the motion to vote: 7__Yes, 0__ No, 1__ abstained.

A break for dinner was taken from 7:09PM to 7:30PM.

Debra Rose was in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

□ **COMMUNITY GUIDE- Mailing campaign**
Sales and appointments are being made.

□ **POLICIES**
No Report

□ **US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
Updates are being emailed to board members. They are being received

□ **SWG-Delegates Meeting-4./20/09 @ 7:00pm**
Terry Krivak 4yrs on Board, David Muhek 24yrs on Bard & Mel Grills, 2yrs on Board were all re-elected. Ron Krisko suggested prior to the vote that the Rural Urban might spotlight these people so that people in Columbia Station are aware of who they are prior to a vote. Perhaps we could spotlight them on the website and maybe in a Newsletter. Wayne Brassell suggested mentioning them on the Website. Debra Rose made a motion to invite them to our May 20th Membership meeting, which was 2nd by Patty.

Lou Price called the motion to vote: 8__Yes, 0__ No, 1__ abstained. The delegates will be sent invitations to the meeting.

□ **501(c) 4 INFORMATION**
Lou Price reported that he didn't think we qualified for the status as 501(c) 4. They are able to raise funds, which we aren't able to do under our present determination.

□ **Network Solutions**
Renewed domain www.columbiatownship.com, for a period of 5yrs per board request.

□ **Bingo School-4/11/09**
We cannot conduct bingo. We are permitted one raffle per year for a major event and that is Cow Pie Bingo.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Website Cost Savings**
 - ***Compensation of work on website for Pepper Richardson.***
 - ***Trade of work in exchange for 2-years of Chamber membership.***

Lou Price asked for a motion to be made to compensate Pepper for her work. Lynne Cook made a motion, Jim Wright 2nd motion to approve compensating Pepper for her work. Lou Price called the motion to vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained.

- Replacement of terminated board member Joe Mesko
 - Review Pepper Richardson's bio

Lou Price asked for a motion to be made on electing Pepper to the Board. Marnie Butler made a motion, Lynne Cook 2nd motion to elect pepper to the Board. Lou Price called the motion to vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained. Welcome to the Board Pepper!

- Newsletter & Member Mailings
 - April mailing complete.
 - July mailing – Needs to be to Debra by 6/17/09
 - October mailing – (Nomination request sent out)
 - November mailing – (Ballots for election sent out in this issue)
 - December mailing – Xmas Party notification

Lou is going to look into why many of the Newsletters are not being received by members. Wayne asked if members are getting notification of meetings by bulk mail. The answer was yes.

COMMITTEES

- BENEFITS-Ron Krisko update
 - I Buy Neo package give to Lou Price to review.
 - COSE -
 - Kaiser – Pepper forwarded contact to Ron Krisko. It was discussed that Pepper would gladly handle information about Kaiser for the Chamber in lieu of Ron in order to let him attend other matters. It would be up to his discretion.

Lou reported that he believes you must be a member of COSE at a cost of \$200 before you can be part of I Buy Neo.

Lou Price asked for a motion to be made on not joining I Buy Neo. Debra Rose made a motion, Marnie Butler 2nd motion to not join I Buy Neo. Lou Price called the motion to vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained.

- ENGINE SHOW- 6/6-6/7/09
Next Committee Meeting 5/3/09 @ 7:00pm Columbia Townhall
- HOME COMING FESTIVAL – 6/26, 6/27 & 6/28/09
Next committee meeting 5/3/09 @ 7:00pm Columbia Townhall
 - REVIEW FIREWORKS BID-Jim Wright
- WEBSITE
 - *New site launched*Excellent job Pepper!

□ **MEMBERSHIP**

Everyone has been busy trying to garner new memberships. Ray's idea of different membership levels is doing well. Jim Wright asked if we had a pamphlet to hand out like Strongsville has. Columbia does have one at most businesses.

□ **BOARD MEETING SPEAKER SCHEDULE**

- 6/3/09 – KAISER
- 7/1/09 –
- 8/5/09 –
- 9/2/09 –
- 10/7/09 –
- 11/4/09 –
- 12/2/09 -

□ **MEMBER MEETING SPEAKER SCHEDULE**

- 5/20/09 – SurEnergy
- 7/15/09 – Visit Lorain County
- 9/16/09 – MRDD
- 11/18/09 -

It was discussed that we could have some special seminars. One such topic was training for Chamber Master.

□ **SCHOLARSHIP**

Lou Price asked for a motion to be made on whom would present the Scholarship from the Chamber. Debra Rose made a motion, Lynne Cook 2nd motion to have Lou Price present the Scholarship. Lou Price called the motion to vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained. Ray had left the meeting by the time of this vote.

□ **AMBASSADORS**

We need to move forward on these.

□ **JR AMBASSADORS**

□ **ADVOCACY**

No Report

□ **MARKETING**

Marnie has been advertising on Face Book, My Space and anywhere she can as inexpensive as possible. Great job Marnie!

COMMENTS

May 15th Debra, Lou & Patty meet with the Township Trustees to discuss the electric in the park.

Pepper suggested looking in the Rural Urban to see what businesses are advertising that do not belong to Chamber.

Columbia Safety – Patty reported that someone was broken into and saws were taken.

A member page on the website was brought up along with Thank you's.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynne Cook and Vi Seidel 2nd motion. Lou Price called for a vote on the motion and Motion was carried by unanimous vote 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstained. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Debra J. Rose (Signature on file)
Debra J. Rose/President

Lynne Cook (Signature on file)
Lynne Cook/Secretary

Date Accepted: 6/3/09