



Columbia Chamber of Commerce –Regular Meeting Minutes –5/20/09

Meeting called to order by Debra Rose at 6:29 PM 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)
 - [] Wayne Brassell – (09,10,11)
 - [X] Marnie Butler – (09,10,11,12)
 - [X] Joe Desmond – (09,10)
 - [] Ray Gurnick- (08,09,10)
 - [X] Vi Seidel - (09,10,11,12)
 - [] Jim Wright Sr. - (08,09,10)
 - [X] Pepper Richardson – (09,10,11)

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Vi Seidel made a motion that we approve the minutes, with corrections, Lou Price 2nd motion, Debra Rose called the motion to a vote – 11 yes, 0_ no, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Main Account Balance – \$4823.23
Homecoming Account Balance - \$14811.99
Engine Show - \$1032.26

The following bills were presented for payment from Main Account:

Debra Rose presented bills for Placemat Printing at \$38.79 and copy paper for forms at \$32.31 for a total of \$71.10.

The following bills were presented for payment from Homecoming Account:

Jim Wright presented the bill for the Food for the Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast for \$282.

No Bills presented for payment from Engine Show Account.

Ron Krisko made a motion that we pay the bills, Lou Price 2nd the motion, Debra Rose called the motion to a vote – 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

❑ **COMMUNITY GUIDE: -Chair- Debra Rose**

Hopefully some of the members have begun to receive phone calls. Joe Desmond suggested that the caller should identify himself or herself better so that they wouldn’t be turned away so easily. Debra clarified that credit card payments made by members earlier in the year were being held in an escrow account.

❑ **BOARD VACANCY- Joe Mesko/First Merit director has been terminated and replaced.**

Please welcome our newest Board Member – Pepper Richardson of Pepper’s Website Creations

NEW BUSINESS:

◇ **INSURANCE RENEWAL DUE – Chair Patty Rolko**

Our renewal date for the insurance is June 1, 2009. Three quotes have been received. Two members had submitted quotes. Therefore an Executive meeting will be held to decide which company will have the Chamber's business. The Board will be notified by e-mail.

Melissa Szeghy from Columbia Hills Country Club explained their new Reciprocal Program to the Columbia Chamber Members. The program would allow Chamber members to visit Columbia Hills on a limited basis. The program would allow members two visits to the golf course or pool and five visits for meals per year. Melissa also advised the Chamber Members to contact her to schedule their visits.

◇ **Cow Pie Bingo – 6/7/09 – Raffle/Tickets – Patty Rolko**

Contact Joe Desmont or Patty Rolko

◇ **Community Pig Roast- 6/7/09-Tickets-Patty Rolko**

Contact Joe Desmont or Patty Rolko

◇ **Rural Urban Homecoming Ad – Marnie Butler**

Marnie Butler will oversee the sales of business card ads for the Homecoming Festival advertisement. It was decided to do this to raise funds so that the Chamber can keep their Homecoming ad in the center section of the Rural Urban. In the past, Jim's Trailer Sales purchased the entire center section and donated the space to the Chamber at no charge. This is no longer possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

◇ **BENEFITS-Chair Pepper Richardson**

It was decided that Pepper Richardson (now a Board Member) should report on the benefits for Chamber members. Ron Krisko previously was responsible for reports but is no longer a Board Member. This would leave Ron available for his duties with the Foundation and not have to worry about reporting to Board members prior to meetings.

Pepper spoke with Jason from Kaiser regarding possible benefits for Chamber Members. Jason advised that members who currently have Anthem would still be able to keep their Anthem coverage. However, Kaiser requested that the Chamber not promote Anthem on their website.

Lou Price suggested bringing up the IBUYNEO subject again at a later date. The question of whether or not it was necessary to join COSE was a factor that needed to be investigated.

◇ **WEBSITE-Chair Patty Rolko**

Pepper reported there were 39,000 hits to the website last month. Homecoming next month is sure to be the reason for so much activity.

◇ **MEMBERSHIP-Chair Wayne Brassell**

Pepper reported that there were currently 64 total memberships. Of that total, 53 were paid and 11 were courtesy memberships. Of the paid memberships, 45 were at the General Membership Level and 8 were at the Contributing Membership Level.

◇ **JR. AMBASSADORS-Chair Marnie Butler**

Marnie is trying to find someone from the schools to get involved.

◇ **AMBASSADORS-Chair Patty Rolko**

Wayne Brassell, Marnie Butler & Patty Rolko

◇ **SCHOLARSHIP-Chair Louren Price**

The Chamber awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Lou Price presented this scholarship to Richard Byrn on May 19, 2009.

◇ **MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST-Chair Jim Wright**

The Pancake Breakfast revenue was \$529.00
Expenses for the breakfast were \$282.52
Profit for the breakfast was \$246.48.

◇ **ENGINE SHOW-Chair Albert Juarez**

2009 Dates- June 6 & 7, 2009. New vendors are signing up. Marnie is doing a fantastic job with the advertising and at a minimal cost to the Chamber. The Engine Show plaques were ordered at \$125.00 for the 3 x 3 size.

◇ **HOMECOMING-Debra Rose**

2009 Dates-June 26, 27 & 28, 2009. Debra reported that everything regarding the Homecoming Festival was moving along. There has been \$1965.00 in envelope donations for the Homecoming Festival. However the Homecoming account is still short approximately \$7000.00.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS & VISITORS:

We would like to welcome any new and visiting businesses:

Great Lakes Trucking
Midview Internet Services
KerryBrock Farms

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Marnie mentioned that if anyone needed a blue chamber polo shirt to please contact her.
Albert will print EVENT STAFF on the back of shirts for Homecoming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Desmont, and Marnie Butler 2nd motion. Debra Rose called for a vote on the motion and Motion was carried by unanimous vote 12 Yes, 0No, 0 abstained. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Debra J. Rose (Signature on file)

Debra Rose/ President

Lynne Cook (Signature on file)

Lynne Cook/Secretary

Date Accepted: 7/15/09