

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2010.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Mike Haller, Lee Boswell, Caren Crowley, Sandy Bolsoni, Doug Horne, , Rich Krooswyk, Michelle DePaolis, Tony Vinezianno, Lucy Longfellow and Nick Campbell.

Directors Absent: Don Bender and Gary Hase.

Guest: Brian Horne

REMINDER: ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR BOARD MEETINGS.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: The Board approved December's meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: The Board approved December's financial report.

Membership Committee: As of this meeting we currently have 62 members. Monee-Peotone Heating & Air. Any memberships received after our monthly meeting will be reported at the next meeting.

RECENT/UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Village of Monee Tree Lighting with Santa- December 12

The Monee Area Chamber of Commerce hosted it's 12th year of tree lighting with Santa. A special thanks to Lee Boswell for his dedication to this event. Thanks to everyone who helped with this.

If you are interested in hosting a **Business after Hours**, please contact Michelle DePaolis (708-534-6924) for available dates for 2010. This is always a good way of advertising **your** business!

Ralph Fehland Award

Mike will be placing an ad in the paper for nominations for the Ralph Fehland award. All nominations must be submitted by the end of the month.

Communication/Marketing

The chamber's membership form is on the website. Our annual membership /renewal form for 2009-2010 is posted on the website.

Village Update

None

Old Business

The board approved a donation to sponsor a breakfast to Southland Senior Services for \$75.

New Business

Scheetz Chiropractic is having a blood drive on Saturday February 6th from 7 am – 2 pm. The address is 5601 W. Monee Manhattan Rd in Monee. If you need further information, please call 708-534-5248.

2010 Chamber Membership Dues- The board approved a membership fee of \$75 for all chamber members. As you know the fee's were reduced last year due to the economy. The Monee Chamber is still lower in their annual dues than other communities, which makes it more affordable for more business to join and participate.

The board approved the following changes to our annual scholarships that are given out. We are increasing the amount to \$1500 and decreasing the number awarded to two awards from three.

The board approved a donation to Hines VA Hospital Fisher House Foundation for \$100.

The board approved to change their banking institution to First Midwest Bank.

The board denied the approval of the annual chamber dinner this year. The board agreed that the funds used for this events could be put to better use with the advertising of Chamber members throughout the year in advertising as well as help increase the annual chamber scholarship.

The board has formed a fundraiser committee. The objective is to increase our membership as well as our participation. Stay tuned for upcoming information.

The board has formed the following committee's:

Ralph Fehland Award Committee (Mike, Lee and Caren) Scholarship Fund Committee (Mike, Rich and Doug) Fund Raiser Committee (Lee, Michelle, Sandy and Lucy).

Meeting adjourned @ 5:58 p.m.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd at 5:00 pm @ Frankie's Pizza!

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle DePaolis
Secretary, Monee Area Chamber of Commerce