

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2004

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Lee Boswell, Terry Dousias, Beth Thacker, Lucy Longfellow, Michelle Depaolis, and Jim Umland.

Directors Absent: Tony Vinezeano, Sandy Bolsoni., Sue Moore, Paulette Minarcik,
Gary Hase and Brian Cann

Chamber Members Present: Ed Belousek (Over the Edge Pub) and Dave Stockton (Village of Monee Trustee).

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

Secretary's Report: The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 3rd Board of Director's meeting. Minutes are pending approval due to lack of quorum at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Thacker distributed the October financial report. We received revenues of \$72.25 Monthly Expenses totaled \$1101.57 Our ending balance is \$4,611.61. The financial report is pending approval due to lack of quorum at the meeting.

Membership Committee: We currently have 47 members. We will have some additional certificates printed and framed for our newest members. Jim reported that Gary had sent an e-mail to him stating that he was working on the one page "Seasons Greetings" newspaper ad that would list all our members. Michelle distributed a sample of a membership directory that could be developed. *Your Logo Here* has been sold by Pete and Sandy Bolsoni. The new owner is Dave Pulhill.

CHAMBER EVENTS

UPCOMING/RECENT CHAMBER EVENTS: PLEASE mark your calendars!!

- Saturday, December 4th, 5-7 p.m. will be the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony sponsored by the Chamber and Monee Parks & Recreation. Santa is expected at 5:15 p.m. He will be joined this year by Mrs. Claus. Our Chamber is providing Santa (cost is \$150 for 2 ½ hours) and Parks and Recreation will be picking up the costs for refreshments. This is a great time for all, both youngsters and us older kids.

Beth and Jim indicated they would be there to assist Lee with this event.

Lucy suggested that a calendar of events be developed for 2005 that would list dates of monthly meeting and events.

Communications Committee: Chamber's website (www.moneechamber.com) continues to show a lot of activity. The website has been updated to include only current paid members. **Remember** that these minutes from the monthly Board of Director's meeting will be accessible from our website and Chamber Members who supply us with their e-mail addresses will have the minutes sent directly to them via the internet. If you have not done so, PLEASE forward your e-mail address to info@moneechamber.com so that you too can be included in this distribution!!

Village of Monee Update: Village Trustee Dave Stockton reported that *Seehausen's* is scheduled to open by April 2006. The 32000 square foot grocery store will be located on Court Street (east of Will-Center road). The Gas City station, on Route 50 will be open later this month.

OLD BUSINESS: Beth Thacker nominated Michelle Depaolis for the position of secretary, Lee seconded. The nomination was accepted and is pending approval based on lack of quorum. One more vote is needed for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5th at 5 p.m. at Frankie's Pizza.

A Final NOTE to all members,

The Monee Area Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all our members for their great support this past year. 2004 was a successful year for our Chamber and none of it would be possible without our members and the hard work and dedication of our board members. What was accomplished? Please look at the attached list to review the past year. We welcome your ideas and suggestions to make 2005 even better.

Finally, the Board and I wish you all a blessed holiday season!!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Umland
President, Monee Area Chamber of Commerce

2004 MONEE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **April - Chamber hosts Bowling Party at Peotone Bowl.**
- **May- Chamber awards (2) \$1000 scholarships to Crete-Monee students, Amanda McNamara and Megan Moody.**
- **June- Chamber Golf Outing @ Deer Creek Country Club.**
- **June- Chamber begins redesign of current website.**
- **July- Chamber distributes framed membership certificates to all our members.**
- **July- Chamber website DOUBLES in monthly views to 450/month. This provides increased exposure for all chamber member businesses that are listed on website.**
- **September- Business After Hours held at Bimba Manufacturing (Chamber member).**
- **September- Chamber co-sponsors the hugely successful Fall Faire in Monee.**
- **October- Chamber holds annual Steak Fry at Brian's in Monee.**
- **October- Chamber presents Tyree Bell with the *Ralph Fehland* award for community service.**
- **October-Business After Hours held at Inland Printing (Chamber Member)**
- **November- Chamber donates \$500 to *Eastern Will County Senior Citizens* for their annual car raffle.**
- **December-Chamber sponsors and hosts Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Monee Village Hall. Great turnout of kids of all ages. Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Chamber provide cookies, hot chocolate, and presents to all who attend.**
- **December- Chamber membership has almost DOUBLED in the past six months, from 25 members in May to 47 members by the end of the year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**