

## **Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2005**

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Lee Boswell, Michael Haller, Beth Thacker, Tony Vinezeano, Jim Umland, Gary Hase, Caren Crowley, Susan Moore and Michelle DePaolis.

Directors Absent: Brian Cann, Don Bender, and Lucy Longfellow.

Guest Present: Jeff Jeffers (Prairie Home Inspections) and Richard Krooswyk (Waddell & Reed)

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

### **REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report:** After a Motion by Lee, second by Mike, the Board approved the minutes from the November's Board of Director's meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beth Thacker distributed November's financial report. Monthly expenses totaled \$633.06. Our ending balance is \$7,404.07. After a motion from Tony and second from Mike, the board approved November's financial report.

**Membership Committee:** Membership is at 45 members with the addition of Jeff Jeffers from Prairie Home Inspections as well as Schoop's Hamburgers. The website will be updated to include only current members.

### **CHAMBER EVENTS**

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

The business after hours that Information Age hosted on November 22 had a good turnout. There were 22 people in attendance.

A special Thank you goes out to Mrs. Hase for the wonderful H'orderves that she made.

The Christmas tree lighting on December 3 was also a great success. Lee mentioned that there were 115 children in attendance. Thanks to all of you who helped out with these events as well as with donations that were provided.

State Farm will be host a business after hours on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in hosting a **Business after Hours**, please contact Michelle DePaolis (708-534-6924) for available dates for 2006. We are always looking for our local businesses to participate in a business after hours, which is always a good way of advertising **your** business!

**Communications Committee:** We had 173 new first time visitors to the Chamber website in November. Please remember to log on to our chamber website [www.moneechamber.com](http://www.moneechamber.com) to view chamber events and review our meeting minutes. **Remember** that 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](mailto:info@moneechamber.com) so that you too can be included in this distribution!!

**Miscellaneous:**

- State Farm in Peotone has moved to Monee. They are now at their new location on Monee-Manhattan Road.
- Seehausen's Grocery store is now scheduled to break ground in March 2006.
- Doc's Drugstore construction is progressing well.

The board discussed event planning for 2006. The board discussed ideas for the upcoming 2006 calendar year.

- Baseball Outings to Sox and perhaps Milwaukee (Cubs)
- Increase Marketing efforts through Village Hall & Parks and Recreation.
- Formal Membership Drive in March & April.
- Chamber Ambassador Program (Member Mentoring)
- Golf Outing
- Chamber Holiday party 2006 (Balmoral Race Track)

A season's Greeting Christmas ad was discussed to advertise all our current Chamber Members in our local paper. A motion was made by Beth to approve and Caren gave it a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The ad will appear in the Monee Monitor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:58 p.m.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th @ 5pm at Frankie's Pizza. Please note the change in date.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle DePaolis  
Secretary, Monee Area Chamber of Commerce