

## **Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2006**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Don Bender, Jim Umland, Michelle DePaolis, Mike Haller, Lee Boswell, Debbie Slucki, Caren Crowley, Gary Hase and Sue Moore.

Directors Absent: Tony Vinzeano, Lucy Longfellow and Jeff Jeffers.

Guests Present: Dan Tovo (Village of Monee).

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

### **REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report:** The Board approved November's meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Board approved November's treasurer report. Monthly Expenses totaled \$1,024.63. Our ending balance is \$9,818.25.

**Membership Committee:** Membership is now at 71. Please welcome our newest members; Dan & Missy Tovo.

### **Recent/UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

#### **The Monee Chamber Annual Steak Dinner**

The annual steak fry was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Good turnout despite the bad weather that we had that night. With the success of this event we were able to increase our scholarship fund from two \$1000.00 scholarships to three. Thanks to all of those individuals who made this happen. A special "Thanks" to Peotone Bank (Debbie Slucki) who generously donated the IPOD and all chamber members who generously devoted raffle prizes.

#### **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS/Dream Catcher's Flowers & Gifts**

A business after hours was held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Another good turnout with about 20 people in attendance. Thank you to Katrina for hosting a business after hours during the holiday season. It was a nice touch with all the wonderful decorations.

#### **Santa Claus @ Village Hall**

Santa came to Monee on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was another great year for the kids in Monee as almost 100 kids came to see Santa. Two Huge stockings were given out as well as six \$25 gift cards that were donated by Chamber members. Thanks to Lee Boswell for coordinating and all individuals who donated monetarily or volunteered their time to make this another successful year for the kids!

#### **Ralph Fehland Award/Annual Dinner**

Chamber is accepting nominations for this prestigious award. Recommendations can be mailed to the *Monee Chamber, P.O. Box 177, Monee, IL*. or faxed to (708) 534-5320. The award will be presented at the Membership dinner in February.

If you are interested in hosting a **Business after Hours**, please contact Michelle DePaolis (708-534-6924) for available dates for 2007. This is always a good way of advertising **your** business!

**Communications Committee:** Log on to our chamber website [www.moneechamber.org](http://www.moneechamber.org) 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.org](mailto:info@moneechamber.org) so that you too can be included in this distribution!!

### Website

**IMPORTANT!!!!- Please note the Chamber's has a new website address. The new address is [www.moneechamber.org](http://www.moneechamber.org) Please understand that with any change of this nature, there could be some potential "link" issues. We ask for your patience as we work out any issues.**

Gary reported that all updates on the website should be fully completed by the first of the year. Look for a "more enhanced" website in 2007!

### Communication/Marketing

Board approved Merry Christmas Ad from Chamber to all members. Ad will recognize all Chamber members. Additionally, board approved expenditure to run ad in the quarterly Parks and Recreation brochure. Ad highlights all current chamber members.

### Village Update

Dan Tovo updated us on current Village activities.

Thanks Dan for working with the chamber to inform us of the "happenings in Monee"!

### Old Business

Funding was approved for Membership certificates and the Member Appreciation dinner by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3rd @ 5 pm at Frankie's Pizza.**

**Happy Holidays to Everyone!**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle DePaolis  
Secretary, Monee Area Chamber of Commerce