

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2005

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

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Lee Boswell, Tony Vinezeano, Beth Thacker, Gary Hase, and Jim Umland.

Directors Absent: Lucy Longfellow, Sandy Bolsoni., Sue Moore, Paulette Minarcik,
Terry Dousias, Brian Cann, and Michelle Depaolis.

Chamber Members Present: Ed Belousek (Over the Edge Pub).

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

REPORTS

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

Treasurer's Report: Beth Thacker distributed the December financial report. We received revenues of \$72.31. Monthly Expenses totaled \$58.14 Our ending balance is \$4,625.78. November financial report was approved but December's is pending approval due to lack of quorum at the meeting.

Membership Committee: Welcome to our newest member, Hirsch Funeral Home, which is located in Chicago Heights. We now have 48 members. Beth distributed the Chamber membership certificates for the six new members who have joined over the last few months. These will be distributed over the next few weeks. We will be contacting some of our newest businesses to see their interest in joining the Chamber (i.e. Gas City, Seehausen's).

CHAMBER EVENTS

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

- The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by the Chamber and Monee Parks & Recreation, and held on Saturday, December 4th; 5-7 p.m. was well attended. Lee estimated that 150 children were in attendance. Thanks to board members; Lee, Beth, and Jim for participating and representing our board at this function.
- **NEXT BUSINESS AFTER HOURS!!** We are excited to announce that the next Monee Chamber Business After Hours will be held at the Animal Wellness Center of Monee. This event will be held on Thursday, February 17th, from 6-8 p.m. The address is 25750 Egyptian Trail in Monee. Thanks to Chamber member and owner Lynlee Wessels-Miller for agreeing to host this event. Please contact Lynlee @ 534-2200 with any questions. This is a great time to meet and network with fellow Chamber members and businesses.

Board also discussed the need to plan and distribute a 2005 calendar of events. There was some discussion over whether we should hold the bowling event that we did last April in Peotone. The board would appreciate any feedback from members concerning this subject. We will table until next meeting

Communications Committee: Chamber's website (www.moneechamber.com) continues to show steady activity. In December, there were 136 first time visitors to the site. **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!!

Board members expressed appreciation to Gary for the Christmas Ad that ran in the newspaper just before Christmas. Ad was very well done and recognized all current Chamber members and businesses for their support the past year.

Village of Monee Update: No report this month.

OLD BUSINESS: Michelle Depaolis was approved for the position of secretary. Congratulations Michelle!! We know you will do your usual great job. Jim also passed around a thank you card from our previous secretary, Sandy Belske. Sandy's card thanked the board for the recognition award she received.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2nd at 5 p.m. at Frankie's Pizza.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Umland
President, Monee Area Chamber of Commerce