

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2005

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

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Lee Boswell, Tony Vinezeano, Beth Thacker, Michelle DePaolis, Paulette Minarcik, Susan Moore, Lucy Longfellow and Jim Umland.

Directors Absent: Sandy Bolsoni, Gary Hase,
Terry Dousias and Brian Cann.

Chamber Members Present: Ed Belousek (Over the Edge Pub), Don Bender (Double-D Special Events), Caren Crowley (Monee Travel Depot)

Chamber Guests: Dave Stockton-Village of Monee Trustee
Don Seehausen-Seehausen's

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

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: The Board approved the minutes from the February's Board of Director's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Thacker distributed the February financial report. Monthly expenses totaled \$131.02. Our ending balance is \$4,049.85.

Membership Committee: Michelle is working on new memberships with local businesses. We currently have 48 chamber business memberships.

CHAMBER EVENTS

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

- **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS!!** The business after hours at Animal Wellness Center of Monee was a huge success. Plenty of local businesses turned out to support Lynlee Wessels in her new business. Jim will send a thank you note to Lynlee and her staff. Curves have agreed to host the next Business After Hours. The date will be May 19@ 5:30 p.m.
- **Meet the Candidates Forum!**
The Monee Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates Forum on March 30 from 7-8:30 at the Monee Village Hall.
This is a great opportunity for all village residents to meet and hear the candidates prior to the April 5 election.

If you are interested in hosting a business after hours, please contact Michelle DePaolis for available dates for 2005. We are always looking for local business to participate in a business after hours, which would be a great way of advertising YOUR business.

Communications Committee: None to report this month but remember to use the Chambers website (www.moneechamber.com) to view upcoming chamber events and review our meeting minutes. **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: Dave Stockton from the Village reported with this information: A new day care center, Step Up, has been approved. The area that it will be located in is on Monee Manhattan Road. As reported previously, Seehausens has been approved and should be open by April 2006.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8th to formalize the 2005-2006 slate for Monee Chamber officers and directors. The meeting will be at 5 p.m. at Frankie's Pizza. Tony, Sue, Lee, Karen and Ed volunteered to serve on this committee.

New Business: A proposed calendar of 2005 events was submitted to the board for review and approval. Feedback was positive and this committee (Beth, Lee, Michelle and Jim) will move forward with the planning process. Board approved funding for the April 29th Chamber of Commerce Outing Night at White Sox Park. We will purchase 50 tickets and look at bus transportation options.

Don Seehausen graciously volunteered to donate steaks for our annual steak fry dinner that is tentatively scheduled for late September at Fireman's Park.

Jim reported that Terry Dousias agreed to head up the scholarship committee. Paulette, Tony and Gary will join her in determining Monee Chamber scholarship award winners.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at 5 p.m. at Frankie's Pizza.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle DePaolis
Secretary, Monee Area Chamber of Commerce

