

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2007

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

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Don Bender, Michelle DePaolis, Mike Haller, Lucy Longfellow, Jim Umland, Tony Vinzeano, and Sue Moore.

Directors Absent: Jeff Jeffers, Lee Boswell, Gary Hase, Caren Crowley and Debbie Slucki.

Guests Present: Dan Tovo, Missy Tovo and Maurice Peek.

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

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: The Board approved February's meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: The Board approved February's treasurer report. Monthly Expenses totaled \$2631.67. Our ending balance is \$6258.86.

Membership Committee: Membership is now at 73. Please welcome our newest member: Country Insurance & Financial Services (Maurice Peek)

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

February 17th-Chamber Annual Dinner/Ralph Fehland Award

The Fehland award/Annual dinner was a success as about 50 of our chamber members attended. Congratulations to Dan Tovo as he was this year's recipient of the Ralph Fehland award for community service. Dan is very active in the community and was very deserving of this award! Thanks to everyone who attended our first chamber dinner.

Business After Hours/April 18th

A business after hours will be held at Double D Barbeque Pit on Wednesday, April 18th from 5-8 p.m. Double D Barbeque is located behind Brian's Place in Monee. This is another great networking opportunity for our chamber members...besides enjoying some great food!

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 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 so that you too can be included in this distribution!!

Communication/Marketing

Board approved to move the web page hosting to Information Age Inc. Gary is in the process of updating our new chamber member's information as we keep growing!

The 2007-2008 Membership form will also need be updated online

Village Update

Dan Tovo updated us on current Village activities.

Gina's Motor Sports have changed their name to South Suburban Mitsubishi.

Old Business

Sue Moore and Michelle DePaolis are in the process of delivering Chamber Membership Certificates to members who did not receive theirs at the annual dinner in February.

Mike Haller distributed name tags to the Chamber board members for wearing at outside events/business after hours so they can be easily recognized to chamber members for information.

NEW BUSINESS

Board approved 2007-2008 nominations for Directors whose term expires May 07.

Current directors elected to new 3 year terms were: Lucy Longfellow, Mike Haller, Gary Hase and Tony Vinezeano. Thanks to all these individuals for continuing to serve as Directors.

Jim Umland informed the board that he would not be seeking re-election as President of the Monee Chamber for the 2007-08 year. Jim's term as President will expire in May. Jim has served as President since 2004. He will continue to serve as a Director as his term for that position is until 2009. Jim nominated Mike Haller to replace him as President. The motion was seconded and approved by the board. Mike will assume the duties of this position in May. The remaining officer positions for 2007-2008 remain unchanged from last year. They are: Lee Boswell & Tony Vinzeano, Vice-Presidents, Sue Moore as Treasurer, and Michelle DePaolis as Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to elect the slate of Officers for the 2007-2208 year.

The board discussed the rotation of monthly meeting's to different locations. As always, the information on where and what time the monthly meetings will be will be included in the monthly meeting minutes.

The Board approved the elimination of the current Chamber phone line. This should result in a savings of \$450-500 a year. **The NEW chamber phone number is 708-534-7694.**

The Board approved the new 2007-08 membership rates. The new rates are: \$50 for individuals with no business affiliation, \$100 for business of 50 employees or less, and \$200 for business with more than 50 employees.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th @ 5 pm at Frankie's Pizza.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle DePaolis
Secretary, Monee Area Chamber of Commerce