

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2004

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

Roll Call

Directors Present: Lee Boswell, Paulette Minarcik, Gary Hase, Sue Moore, , Beth Thacker, Lucy Longfellow, Michelle Depaolis, Brian Cann and Jim Umland

Directors Absent: Terry Dousias, Tony Vinezeano, Sandy Bolsoni.

Chamber Members Present: Ed Belousek (Over the Edge Pub) and Dr. Paul Scheetz (Scheetz Chiropractors)

Guests Present: Dave Stockton (Village Trustee) and Ken Noth (Eastern Will County Senior Services)

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

Secretary's Report: The Board approved the minutes from the October 6th Board of Director's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Thacker distributed the September financial report. We received revenues of \$1340 (primarily from Steak Fry ticket sales and \$210 in membership dues). Monthly Expenses totaled \$1256.68 Our ending balance is \$5,424.93. The board approved the report. As discussed last meeting, Beth investigated our phone costs. Beth negotiated a discount of \$7.50 per month on our voice mail costs and an additional 3% discount on our total bill. Nice job, Beth!!!

Membership Committee: Paulette has decided to turn over her responsibilities on the membership committee to Michelle due to the fact that she is closer. The board would like to formally recognize Paulette for the great job she has done in this area over the past few years. A BIG WELCOME to our newest members: *United States Postal Service (Monee)* and *Scheetz Chiropractors!!*

We will need to have some additional certificates printed and framed for our newest members.

CHAMBER EVENTS

(Recent)

A good time was had by all who attended the October 21st Steak Fry held at Brian's Place. The Chamber cleared slightly over \$600 for the event and also raised another \$100 towards the scholarship fund from the 50/50 raffle. Overall attendance was disappointing (39 tickets sold) but Brian and his staff did their usual fine job to make the evening successful. Brian mentioned that we may want to consider combining the steak fry with the annual golf outing.

This has been done in the past and proved successful. The board will keep this in mind when planning for the golf outing starts in a few months.

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS: PLEASE mark your calendars!!

- Saturday, December 4th, 5-7 p.m. will be the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony sponsored by the Chamber and Monee Parks & Recreation. Santa is expected at 5:15 p.m. He will be joined this year by Mrs. Claus. Our Chamber is providing Santa (cost is \$150 for 2 ½ hours) and Parks and Recreation will be picking up the costs for refreshments. This is a great time for all, both youngsters and us older kids.

Communications Committee: Gary Hase reported that the Chamber's website. (www.moneechamber.com) continues to show a lot of activity. The website has been updated to include only current paid members. **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: Village Trustee Dave Stockton reported that Monee will finally be getting the long awaited grocery store. *Seehausen's* is scheduled to open in late 2005 or early 2006. The store will be located on Court Street (east of Will-Center road). There is a strip mall also being developed on Monee-Manhattan Road. A gas City station will be located near Court Street and Route 50. Dave also indicated that water and sewer lines are being laid down west of Governors Highway in anticipation of more business development in our village.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chamber board was pleased to present a check for \$500 to Ken Noth of the *Eastern Will County Senior Services*. Ken thanked the board and all Chamber members for their support to this worthwhile organization. Ken also discussed a potential joint fundraising event with Monee and other local chambers (Crete, Peotone, and Beecher).

MISCELLANEOUS: *Brian's* restaurant will be offering breakfast on weekends starting November 6th. Breakfast will be available on Saturdays & Sundays from 6 a.m. – Noon.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1st at 5 p.m. at Frankie's Pizza.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Umland