

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2005

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

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Lee Boswell, Don Bender, Beth Thacker, Tony Vinezeano, Lucy Longfellow, Gary Hase and Sue Moore.

Directors Absent: Brian Cann, Jim Umland, Michelle DePaolis, Caren Crowley and Paulette Minarcik.

Guests Present: Michael Haller (Coldwell Banker Real Estate), Richard Krooswyk (Waddell & Reed), and John Anderson (Attorney, MBA and member of Will County Board)

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

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: After a Motion by Tony, second by Sue, the Board approved the minutes from the September's Board of Director's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Thacker distributed September's financial report, including a summary from the annual Steak Fry from '05 and '04. Monthly expenses totaled \$822.45. Our ending balance is \$8,186.10. Preliminary results from the Steak Fry showed a profit of \$1,240.61, compared to \$375.23 from last year. After a motion from Lee and second from Tony, the board approved September's financial reports.

Membership Committee: Membership is now at 44 members, as last month we welcomed Richard Krooswyk from Waddell & Reed as a new member and Frankie's renewed their membership. Most new membership certificates have been distributed for renewed and new members.

It was agreed that if members have not renewed they should be removed from the website.

CHAMBER EVENTS

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

Monee Chamber Annual Steak Fry- 10/8

The annual Steak Fry was a huge success thanks to all of the Board members, the Village of Monee, and all who attended! As weather was uncertain, Tim O'Donnell was kind enough to let us use Village Hall for our event.

Lee Boswell was the surprised recipient of the Ralph Fehland award.

Thanks again to Mike Haller, Coldwell Banker, for the generous donation of the Bears/Packers tickets. Karla Krump from Dan Mosca State Farm office was the happy winner.

\$305 was raised from the raffle and give to the Salvation Army for the Katrina Relief Fund.

Christmas Tree Lighting December 3rd

Our next big community event is the Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa's visit. Discussion took place of all that needed to be done before then, and ways to improve from last year.

If you are interested in hosting a **Business after Hours**, please contact Michelle DePaolis (708-534-6924) for available dates for 2005. We are always looking for our local businesses to participate in a business after hours, which is always a good way of advertising **your** business!

Communications Committee: Gary reported that this month we had the average number of hits to the website. Please remember to log on to our chamber website www.moneechamber.com to View 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!!

New Business:

We received the resignation from the Board from Paulette Minarcik. Beth motioned to approve, second by Sue, the Board approved.

Beth then nominated Mike Haller to fulfill Paulette's term on the board, a second was made by Tony and the Board approved. Welcome Mike Haller!

John Anderson from the Will County Board took a few minutes to introduce himself. A resident of Monee and newly elected official, John is trying to get out into the community to meet with the business leaders on a regular basis and see what he can do for us. While he had just run out of business cards at a previous meeting, he gave us his work phone (312) 629-6013 and home phone of (708) 534-5395. The board grilled him as to what he could do for us and we had a lively discussion about economic development and the airport.

Gary Hase announced that his business is going to be moving ½ block east to the old Radio Shack building in Beecher. More space, better visibility for less money. Yeah Gary!

Sue said that maybe she would be able to announce their potential move date by our next board meeting.

A motion from Beth and second by Don to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:00pm

Reminder To All Chamber Members:

Feel free to drop off any flyers, business cards or any business advertisement

For me to include in our Chamber folders that we provide to the Village of

Monee to give out to all their new residents. This is a great opportunity to promote YOUR business!!.

Drop any of these items off at First Midwest Bank:

Attention: Michelle DePaolis

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd @ 5pm at Frankie's Pizza.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Thacker
Treasurer, Monee Area Chamber of Commerce