

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from October 6th, 2004

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

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

Directors Absent: Terry Dousias, Brian Cann, Sandy Bolsoni (All Excused).

The Board approved the minutes from the September Board of Director's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Thacker distributed the September financial report. We received \$140 in membership dues. Expenses totaled \$717.72 Our ending balance is \$5,292.77. The board approved the report. There was discussion over perceived high costs for our telephone bill based on our small usage. Beth will follow-up and report at next meeting.

Membership Committee: Paulette reported that there are now 51 paid members. A BIG WELCOME to our newest members: *Over The Edge Pub, Murray's Catering and Double D Special Events, Inc.*

There are still some membership certificates that need to be distributed. We will need to have some additional certificates printed and framed for our newest members.

CHAMBER EVENTS

(Recent)

Board members felt that the recent Fall Faire (9/10-9/12) was well organized and attended. Great job by the Monee Park's and Rec!!

The recent Business After Hours at Bimba Manufacturing received very positive feedback. We had about 35 members and guests in attendance. Thanks to all who came. Business After Hours are great opportunities to meet and network. Interested in hosting?? Contact us @ 534-5332.

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS: There are some **EXCITING** Chamber Events on the horizon – so PLEASE mark your calendars!!

- 1) New Chamber member Inland Printing will host a Business After Hours October 7th at 5 p.m. at their New Lenox, IL facility (14440 W. Edison Drive).
- 2) Thursday October 21st has been selected as the date for the 2nd Annual Monee Area Chamber of Commerce Steak Luau at Brian's of Monee. At this event we will again be giving out the Ralph Fehland Award for service to the Monee Community.
- 3) 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. This is a great time for all, both youngsters and us older kids.

The board approved expenses for the upcoming October 21st Monee Chamber Steak Fry to be held at Brian's Place. Among the expenses are tickets, posters, food costs, newspaper ads, etc.

Communications Committee: Gary Hase reported that the Chamber's website (www.moneechamber.com) had 396 hits in the past month (down 12% from August). The data also indicated that there were 187 new viewers to the Chamber's website. **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: The board voted to award Ty Bell as the 2004 recipient of the Ralph Fehland award for continued service to the community. Mr. Bell, in his role on the planning commission, has been a major force in the development of both business and housing in the village over the years. Mr. Bell will receive the award at the October 21st Steak Fry dinner. Additionally, after much discussion, the board agreed there is a need to "formalize" and document the nomination and selection process for future years.

The board also approved to donate \$500 to the *Eastern Will County Senior Citizens* for their car auction in November. We will investigate the potential of presenting their representative, Ken Noth, with the check at the upcoming Steak Fry dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd at 5 p.m. at Frankie's Pizza.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Umland