

WISNER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MARCH 25, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

A total of 8 members met at Coachmen's Steak House & Lounge for the regular meeting. No guests were present.

President Layne Matthes called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

The minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting as emailed and provided as a handout were reviewed. Motion to accept was made by Doris Podany with second by Nadine Hagedorn. No further discussion, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Peggy Liermann with a handout showing year to date transaction history and with the total of all accounts as of March 24, 2009 as well as the year-to-date budget compiled by Nadine Hagedorn. The handout is made a part of these minutes by reference. A motion to accept was made by Cindy Goeller, second by Barbara Rabe. No further discussion, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED – Cindy Goeller read a thank you note from Dorothy Brazda in appreciation of the 2009 calendar.

UPDATE ON 2008 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Peggy Liermann reported that a total of fifty-two (52) 2009 memberships have been received. Membership certificates are being hand delivered wherever possible or mailed if necessary.

WCD UPDATE - Lee Myers has resigned to pursue an opportunity in Omaha, the WCD board plans to have a coffee for him when time can be arranged with Lee. Cindy Goeller suggested we ask for some "Lee stories" to present to him.

Barbara Rabe reported that Lee will be in town to finish some of the projects he was involved in such as the potential regional jail. A follow up meeting regarding the jail will be held on April 30th.

Barbara provided a handout for affordable housing that is offered in Wisner through the Nebraska Affordable Housing trust funds that was awarded to the Northeast Economic Development. A brief discussion followed regarding this opportunity.

OLD BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 19, 2009 MEETING – A brief discussion was held wherein everyone thought the meeting was successful. It was suggested that next year we hold the meeting sometime in January.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION – SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST – UPDATE A handout of the 2008 St. Patrick's day income/expenses was provided to compare with the 2009 provided in the financial report. Peggy advised that the 2009 figures were through March 24th and last year's comparison had checks still being issued in May. There was lots of discussion and ideas to pass on to next year's committee. Layne Matthes and Erin Vrba will be the 2010 co-chairs.

DOWNTOWN BEATIFICATION – Layne Matthes and Sally Harms both had gathered some information and ideas to be presented to CHICs for their information and review. Nadine Hagedorn made a motion to assist CHICs as needed, second by Cindy Goeller, motion carried. Kris Brahmer volunteered to attend the next CHIC's meeting and offer any assistance from the Chamber that is requested.

WISNER CALENDAR/POSTCARD PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST – Cindy Goeller reported that an article would be in the paper in the coming week. Thus far no entries have been received but it is hoped that someone will enter photos from the St. Patrick's Day celebration. A handout of the contest and qualifications was provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAMBER SERVING WISNER FOR 50 YEARS – Thanks to Elaine Bak it was discovered the Chamber was 50 years old in March. To celebrate cake and ice cream was served to 200 people at the WCD building during the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Elaine has done some searching but has not yet found much history from 1959. Nadine suggested putting some trivia on the web and getting feed back.

CHAMBER BUDGET – ESTABLISH COMMITTEE – REVIEW FUNCTION – After discussion a motion was made by Nadine Hagedorn, second by Doris Podany to have the President of the Chamber review bills to be paid, initialing the same prior to checks being processed, some discussion followed, roll call vote all ayes, motion carried.

A brief discussion was had regarding the budget/finance committee, it was decided to appoint with their approval the following people to serve on the budget/finance committee this year: Alan Harms, Nadine Hagedorn and Barbara Rabe. Nadine and Barbara were present and agreed to volunteer, Alan Harms will be contacted.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING – COST SHARE OF WCD/TEAMMATES/CHAMBER – After discussion and review Cindy Goeller made a motion to pay \$800 for the fiscal year April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 immediately and commit to \$800 annually or a cap up to 10% actual salary paid for the clerical/secretarial/treasurer time spent by WCD employee on behalf of the Chamber, second by Doris Podany, roll call all ayes, motion carried.

ANNUAL HIGHWAY CLEANUP APRIL 22/RAIN DATE APRIL 23 – Layne Matthes advised the members everyone should meet at the Wisner-Pilger High School parking lot at 5:00 P.M. be sure to wear proper clothing and bring gloves, etc. Nadine Hagedorn will e-mail a signup sheet to all members and post on the web site.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 29th at 8:00 A.M. at Coachmen's.**

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned by Layne Matthes at 9:19 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy Liermann, Secretary/Treasurer