

**WISNER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MAY 27, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

A total of 9 members and 2 guests met at Coachmen's Steak House & Lounge for the regular meeting.

President Layne Matthes called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. All members and guests introduced themselves.

The minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting as emailed and provided as a handout were reviewed, there were no minutes from the April 29, 2009 meeting as there was no quorum present. Motion to accept the March 25, 2009 minutes was made by Nadine Hagedorn with second by Mark Harms. 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 April 28, 2009. The handout is made a part of these minutes by reference. A motion to accept was made by Doris Podany, second by Todd Wuestewald. No further discussion, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED – No communications were presented

UPDATE ON 2008 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Peggy Liermann reported that a total of fifty-eight (58) 2009 memberships have been received. All membership certificates have been hand delivered or mailed.

WCD UPDATE - Doris Harms advised that the office move from 920 Ave E to 503 9th Street would be accomplished later this afternoon. There was general discussion regarding sharing a sign with TeamMates and Wisner Community Development. Cindy Goeller made a motion to participate with a sign and appoint a committee to coordinate with Wisner Community Development, second by Nadine Hagedorn. Roll call all ayes, motion carried. After discussion a representative of Harms Antiques and Peggy Liermann would be the coordinating committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION – SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST – UPDATE There was general discussion regarding expenses.

DOWNTOWN BEATIFICATION – Sally Harms advised that she had found some large planters for a reasonable price if the chamber wished to pursue strategically placing planters at areas that have a step up/down to draw attention to that area. After discussion Sally made a motion to purchase planters, soil and flowers to be placed in the block between 9th and 10th streets, second by Cindy Goeller. Roll call all ayes, motion carried.

WISNER CALENDAR/POSTCARD PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST – Cindy Goeller reported that only one entry had been received. An article would be in the paper once a month. After discussion it was decided that Nadine Hagedorn would make a poster to be placed in various areas around town as a reminder to the community.

ANNUAL HIGHWAY CLEANUP APRIL 22/RAIN DATE APRIL 23 – Layne Matthes advised there was a good turnout of volunteers, particularly among high school students.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAMBER BUDGET 2009/2010 – The budget was provided as a handout. After review and discussion Doris Podany made a motion to approve the budget, second by Todd Wuestewald. Roll call all ayes, motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL MEMBERS – SCHOOL YEAR 2009/2010 – REQUEST FOR ONE JUNIOR (2 YEAR TERM) AND ONE SENIOR (1 YEAR TERM) – Discussion was held regarding the need to request candidates from the school and

that the reason for having a two year term being that this would provide for more experience with the chamber for the students. Discussion was also held as to recognition for achievements for high school youth in curricular and extra-curricular activities, Doris Podany volunteered to keep track of these achievements and provide them to Nadine Hagedorn for posting on the web site.

WISNER JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW – CONTACT/PLANNING – Tim and Lisa Montgomery are the chair couple for the Livestock Show this year. All requests for information should be passed on to them. Peggy Liermann advised that the chamber sponsored Pony Rides were arranged early in the year. Nadine Hagedorn advised that she had spoken with Lisa Montgomery regarding the \$100 donation from the Rod Slonecker family for the kid's fishing contest prizes and arrangements have been made to have this information posted during the fishing contest and possibly some of the Livestock Show promotion material.

FARM AND HOME SHOW 2010 – Nadine Hagedorn advised that plans are to have the Farm & Home show on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. through 1:00 P.M. The membership was asked for input as to the booth charge, had the show been held in 2009 the booth charge was \$50 for chamber members and \$75 for non-chamber members until October 15th, thereafter the charge was \$75 and \$100 respectively. After discussion Cindy Goeller made a motion to keep the booth charge at \$50 for chamber members and \$75 for non-chamber members until October 15th, thereafter the charge was \$75 and \$100 respectively. Motion second by Mark Harms, roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

TEACHERS' SOCIAL – AS SCHEDULED BY THE SCHOOL - General discussion was had regarding the chamber's partial sponsorship and participation in last year's Wisner-Pilger School Teachers' Social. After the discussion and input by the members present Nadine Hagedorn made a motion that if approached by the Wisner-Pilger School to again sponsor as needed or requested and participate in this year's teachers social, second by Doris Podany. Roll call all ayes, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 24th at 12:00 P.M. (Noon) at Coachmen's.**

ADJOURNMENT – Following a motion made by Doris Podany to adjourn the meeting, second by Cindy Goeller, roll call vote all ayes. The meeting was adjourned by Layne Matthes at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy Liermann, Secretary/Treasurer