

**WISNER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
APRIL 27, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

A total of 8 members met at Coachmen's Steak House for the regular meeting

Co-President Elaine Bak called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

There were no guests present.

The minutes of the March 30, 2011 meeting as emailed, sent regular mail and provided as a handout were reviewed. Layne Matthes made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, second by Kathie Stracke. No further discussion, motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Sonya Arduser gave the Treasurer's Report with a handout showing fiscal year to date transaction history and with the total of all accounts as of April 27, 2011. The handout is made a part of these minutes by reference. A motion to accept was made by Kathie Stracke second by Layne Matthes. No further discussion, motion carried. Kathie suggested a review of the checking account and that any excess funds might be considered to be put in savings. It was discussed to table until next meeting when all St Pat's expenses have been through.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – As of the time of the meeting there are 52 members paid. Another notice will be going out to the members that haven't paid.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED – None to report.

WCD UPDATE -

CUMING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – None to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

CHAMBER COMPUTER PURCHASE UPDATE – The computer has been purchased and is running well. All the chamber stuff is being inputted on it.

ST PAT'S DAY CELEBRATION FINANCIAL REVIEW – A handout showing the expenses and income is made a part of these minutes by reference. It was discussed that we need to send a receipt of our advertising to Tina Welding in West Point and they reimburse \$500. Jamie Parker is going to get the receipt to Sonya so she can send that in.

WISNER JUNIOR LIVESTOCK REPORT – Sonya reported that the pony rides that the Chamber sponsors have been booked. She also reported that there are hopefully going to be some new things this year and plans are right on schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP APRIL 27– Layne Matthes reported that they are meeting at the school at 5:30 to clean the road ditches. They have some volunteers from the school kids and other chamber members have volunteered to help.

WISNER BEAUTIFICATION – COORDINATE WITH CHICS FOR PLANTER PLACEMENT ON MAIN STREET – Kathie reported that they would be planting the planters on May 18th. She brought up the fact that we donated money to help with the planting last year; she wanted to know if we should do it again this year. Nadine suggested that we donate more than last year, since things have increased in expense and the money that is left over they use for the Halloween CHICs party for the kids. Kathie Stracke made a motion to increase what we gave last year by \$200 second by Layne Matthes. No further discussion, motion carried.

2012 WISNER AREA CHAMBER CALENDAR CONTEST - It was brought up that we are usually doing advertisements in the paper for the calendar contest by now. We discussed if we should continue with it the contest and calendar. Sonya Arduser made a motion to continue the contest and calendar and put advertisements in the paper letting people to know to start taking pictures, second by Kelsy Matthes. No further discussion, motion carried.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE CUMING COUNTY AREA – NADINE HAGEDORN – Nadine gave a very moving slide show presentation telling a little about Relay For Life. She told us that July 8th and 9th is the walk at the West Point-Beemer track. Their goal is to raise \$88,000. She gave handouts on Relay For Life telling what they do, where the money goes, and how anyone can donate.

MISCELLANEOUS – Layne got an email from a couple that is planning on moving around this area and she was asking about rental houses. Groundbreaking for Subway will be coming up in the next week or so. There will be a few ribbon cuttings coming up in the near future as well. Jamie Parker has volunteered to do the video for Garry Clark and she was asking for some input on what to say. Abbie Denton invited everyone to her graduation on May 14, 2011. She is going into the nursing program at NECC.

NEXT MEETING – May 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at Coachmen's

ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Layne Matthes second by Kathie Stracke. No further discussion, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sonya Arduser Secretary/Treasurer