

Coloma Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce
Minutes April 10, 2007
Board of Trade
Notes No Quorum

Members Present: Deb Shannon, Pat Moody, Joan Bujack, Lee Scherwitz, Jennifer Sipla, Matt Moser, Rick Rasmussen, Lynette Bittner, Sue Moser, Nicole Miller, Scott Twiss, Richard Martinez and Chana Kniebes

Others Present: Jessica Patuano

Call to Order and Introductions: Vice President Shannon called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Moser and supported by Scherwitz to approve the March 13, 2007 minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Kniebes reported that there is \$3,580.27 as of March 31, 2007 in the chamber savings account and \$14,076.24 in the chamber checking account. Bills paid in the month of March total \$1,694.26. A motion was made by Sipla and supported by Moody to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Membership Report: Kniebes reported that there are 126 total chamber members. Watervliet Fruit Exchange is our newest chamber member. A welcome basket has been delivered to Jonas House in Watervliet. Jonas House is a new coffee house located near the Watervliet High School. They serve light breakfast and lunches. They are currently open until 2:00 p.m. but hope to expand their hours in the summer.

Old Business:

Red Arrow Signage: There are no available spots on the Coloma side and 8 available spots on the Watervliet side.

Business Recognition Recap: Kniebes thanked everyone that attended the Business Recognition on March 22nd. Everything came together to make this first ever event a success. There was an attendance of 60. A special thank you goes out to Lee Scherwitz who put together the wonderful Power Point presentation of the winners, and a big thank you to Matt Moser for being the emcee for the evening. Bujack thanked everyone for her special certificate and said she was surprised and speechless for the recognition. Scherwitz thanked the committee members for their efforts.

Kelly Miller Circus Update: Jennifer Sipla updated the chamber board on the latest information about bringing the circus back to our area. So far we have not found a location. Sipla has contacted Superintendent Bob Gabel about possibly hosting the circus near the Watervliet High School but there is a Coloma Watervliet football game on the same night so that may not be a possibility. Sipla is also checking with Community Hospital and Joe Arnt about the area near the hotel/waterpark. Lane Automotive will not be an option because the area is too wet. More information will be available at the next chamber meeting.

Business After Hours:

Dave Scheuer from Berrien Teacher's Credit Union stopped into the chamber office before the meeting and would like to set the date for the Business After Hours for Wednesday **June 6th from 5-7 p.m** so mark your calendars. Kniebes has email the committee with information and postcards for the event will be mailed in the latter part of May. The official opening day of the credit union will be June 4th.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Scherwitz and supported by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

The next regular chamber meeting will be held on May 8th, 2007 12 noon at the Friendly Tavern.

Respectfully submitted,

Chana Kniebes, Recording Secretary

