

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2010
MEETING PLACE- DANIEL & BROWN, INC.
6PM**

ROLL CALL

6:20PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Ben White, President

Angie Rios, President-elect

Kim Smith-Cole, Treasurer

Chris Lair

Kathy Wingo

Cynthia Craddock-Clark- Office Manager

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Terri Lowe, Secretary

Wyndi Veigel

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS/VISITORS

None

AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON KATHY WINGO AS NEW DIRECTOR. POSITIONS RUNS THROUGH 12/31/11

A motion was entertained to accept Kathy as a new director for the chamber. Due to Wyndi's & Terri's absence their votes were received via email. Kim made a motion to accept Kathy and it was seconded by Chris. All was in favor and motion passed unanimously. Kathy Wingo's position will run through December 31, 2011.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes for the months of January and February were presented to the board. With the exception of the minutes being amended to show on certain agenda items "motion passed unanimously", the minutes were approved. A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Kathy. All was in favor and motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim went over the financial report with the board and also provided the board with copies. A motion was made by Kathy to approve the February financials, with a second by Chris. All was in favor and motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS FOR TAXES AND RELATED ISSUES/1995 W-2/W-3 ISSUES

Kim gave the latest updated on the tax issues and to date we have received no correspondence from the IRS since last month's correspondence, stating that they had received our request.

NEW APPLICATIONS/RENEWALS-DISCUSS & APPROVE/REJECT RENEWALS OR NEW APPLICATIONS TO JOIN THE CHAMBER

The Samaritan Inn, Benson O.I. Churchill Allstate, Edward Jones submitted applications to join the chamber. Email was sent to directors prior to meeting and was approved by all that these businesses become a member of our chamber. To date we have received their membership apps and check and they are now members of the Farmersville Chamber of Commerce.

March renewals for all business were mailed out as well and were also approved by the board via email.

CITY MEETING REPORTS

FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. (4A)- No report

FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP. (4B)- No report

FARMERSVILLE MARKETING COMMITTEE- Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2010

CITY COUNCIL- Ben attended the monthly city council meeting and stated to the board that the council held a work session and a topic of discussion in that session was that the 2006 building codes would be considered for ordinance and they (council) will vote on them at their next monthly council meeting.

Ben stated that during the council session, that it was made known that there was a map error found associated with the resolution petitioning TABC. They are considering reissuing a map of the downtown business district.

Upgrading building codes were discussed, as well as discussion of authorizing a plan for P & Z taking a study to revise the zoning ordinances.

Ben also mentioned to the board that after sending out the report about the council meeting to the chamber members, that he received some feedback from a few members.

Terri Lowe will attend the next city council meeting, Wyndi will attend 4B, Chris will attend 4A & Cynthia will attend the Marketing Meeting. All will give reports at the next chamber meeting.

FARMERSVILLE DOWNTOWN MERCHANT ASSOCIATION (FDMA) MEET THE CANDIDATE SOCIAL GATHERING. PROPOSED DATE IS APRIL 22, 2010. MAYOR, COUNCIL & SCHOOL BOARD

Chris is also a member of the FDMA and mentioned to the board that the FDMA is going to host a "Meet the Candidate" social gathering. The proposed date is April 22nd. Chris, Angie and Ben will be there in attendance.

FARMERSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CANDIDATE DEBATE. ONION SHED. ALTERNATE PLACE, CIVIC CENTER. PROPOSED DATE APRIL 22, 2010. MAYOR, COUNCIL & SCHOOL BOARD.

The chamber discussed plans of hosting a debate among candidates running for school board, mayor & city council. The date has been set for April 22nd and will be held at the Onion Shed at 6pm. If the weather is bad, the Civic Center has been reserved as a back up. Dr. Bob Collins has agreed to facilitate and all candidates will be contacted about the debate. A motion was made by Angie, with a second by Chris, all was in favor and the motion passed unanimously. After the banquet the board said that they will revisit this event and will make further plans at the April monthly meeting.

"GOOD BUSINESS PRACTICE SEMINAR" PARTNERING WITH FARMERSVILLE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

The Farmersville Main Street Program is interested in hosting a business seminar and wanted to know if the chamber wanted to partner with them. The board is interested in partnering with them but would like to wait until after the banquet to revisit this agenda item. Will add this item to the May agenda.

BASTROP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORKSHOP DISCUSSION/APRIL 27, 2010

The workshop was cancelled due to bad weather in Bastrop and was rescheduled for April 27, 2010. Wyndi is now unable to go due to work and Cynthia will attend the workshop by herself and will give a report to the board at the monthly meeting in May. Angie made the motion to approve Cynthia to attend the workshop and was seconded by Kim. As voted on at the February meeting all travel & meal expenses will be paid by the chamber. All was in favor and motion passed unanimously.

CHAMBER CALENDAR REVIEW

Ben went over the upcoming events and meetings listed on the chamber calendar for the months of March-May. Cynthia will add the 4A & 4B meetings to the calendar as well as the marketing meetings.

She will also add the upcoming meet the candidate social, city election debate, quarterly business after hours and the quarterly chamber luncheon.

OFFICE MANAGER’S REPORT

Cynthia provided copies of her monthly office report. To date the chamber has 108 chamber members.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE 2010 CHAMBER BANQUET Menu Update-

Cynthia met with the chef/caterer at Celebration Location and signed the contract. She will meet with them again to go over the serving line and will make a trip to the school so they can see the facilities.

Recipient Awards- All nominations were turned in for Teacher of the Year, Citizen of the Year & the President’s Award. With a motion made by Kathy and a second by Chris the names that were presented were approved. All directors were in favor and motion passed unanimously. The recipients will be announced during the Chamber Banquet on March 27th. It was also noted by Ben that Lee Warren will present the Fireman of the Year with a plaque from Rotary at the banquet.

Upcoming Banquet Meeting Dates Review- The banquet team will meet again on the following dates: March 16th & March 23rd.

Raffle Ticket Review- Directors and banquet team members are still selling raffle tickets and will do so up until banquet night

Sponsorship Review- As of now, the chamber is short it’s goal for sponsorships. The board & team will continue to seek sponsorships for the banquet.

Auction Item Review- As of now the chamber is short it’s goal for seeking auction items. Ben sent out an email to the team to encourage them to keep seeking items for the banquet. All donations will be accepted through the night of the banquet. Some items may not be listed in the program due to the cut-off date for the programs to be printed.

Obtaining Chairs & Tables- No action.

ADJOURNMENT

With a motion made by Angie and seconded by Chris ,the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Next meeting is set for April 14, 2010 at FNB of Trenton “Community Room.”

PRESIDENT _____ DATE _____

SECRETARY _____ DATE _____