

MEETING MINUTES
Monthly Meeting-Sept. 9, 2009
6 p.m.
Meeting Place-FNB of Trenton

ROLL CALL

6:02 pm

Directors present:

Joe Helmberger, President
Debi Jordan, President-elect
Ben White, Treasurer
Scott Hester, Director
Angie Rios, Director (arrived @ 6:15pm)
Wyndi Veigel, Secretary

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS/VISITORS

Cynthia Craddock-Clark, Office Manager
Chris Lair, Chris Lair's Insurance Agency
Diane Piwko, Fiber Circle
Carol Tapp, Carol Lee's Antiques
Fred Langford, City Councilperson

AUDIENCE WITH INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

APPROVAL OF JULY AND AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Ben and seconded by Scott to approve the July and August minutes. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST

Ben presented copies of the August financials to all present. Joe entertained a motion to accept the financial report. Debbie made the motion and it was seconded by Scott. Motion was approved.

DISCUSS FORM 941 TAXES AND RELATED ISSUES

Ben gave the directors an update of the status of the tax issues. He stated that all items except for one had been resolved. Still awaiting IRS decision regarding the one item. No action was taken on this item.

APPROVAL OF THE 2009-2010 BUDGET

The budget was presented by Ben. The budget was approved in a motion made by Wyndi and seconded by Joe. Motion was approved.

SELECT REPLACEMENT DIRECTOR (To fill out Robbie Tedford's 3-yr term)

Chris Lair was approved as a director in a motion made by Debi and seconded by Wyndi. He was an acting director for the rest of the meeting. All directors are to gather before the Oct. meeting to take a new Chamber director photo and are to wear white shirts and blue jeans.

DISCUSS REQUEST FROM CHAMBER MEMBER FOR SUPPORT IN UPCOMING BEER/WINE REFERENDUM

Joe received an email from Amin Ali, chamber member & owner of McCloud Food Stores, asking if chamber members would show support of the beer/wine referendum. It was decided by the board that Joe would write a letter to the membership. A stamped postcard survey would be included with the letter and it will go out to the membership asking if they would be willing to support the beer/wine referendum. The results of the mailed out letters is as follows : 37 yeses, 20 Nos and 2 don't cares. Joe was to send out an email to the membership with the results but further action was not to be taken. Wyndi mentioned to Joe to make sure that Amin Ali knew not to put the Chamber's name on anything without approval

NEW APPLICATIONS/RENEWALS- DISCUSS AND APPROVE OR REJECT ANY RENEWALS OR NEW APPLICATIONS TO JOIN CHAMBER

Cynthia shared with the board the upcoming renewals for August. Ben made the motion and it was seconded by Debi. Motion was approved and passed unanimously.

DISCUSS STATUS OF CHAMBER WEBSITE

The Chamber directors were to collect information and get it to Edie by Oct. 1. Wyndi was to format the membership into both alphabetical and business category listings. Cynthia was to give all minutes and agendas to Ben to scan and PDF which would then be given to Edie.

DISCUSS UPCOMING MEMBER LUNCHEONS

Debbie stated that the next chamber member luncheon will be held at Victor's Italian Restaurant Sept. 17 with Chad Engbrock publisher of the Farmersville Times as guest speaker. Future events include Oct. 15 with State Representative Jodie Laubenberg at Tony's and Brad Blakemore, Tribune sells person Nov. 19 at Sugar Hill Café.

RECAP 41ST ANNUAL BUG TUSSLE TREK REQUEST FOR AUG. 29TH

There were approximately 100 cars in the bugtussle which the directors were pleased with. There was not a lot of food left over, just the right amount of donuts ordered. Diane discussed her concerns over the merchant's not receiving a benefit from Bugtussle but having to allow participants into the stores to use the restroom facilities. No action was taken.

DISCUSS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

A subcommittee which would meet each Wednesday to plan the event was formed with Wyndi, Debi, Carol, Chris and Cynthia. The group was coordinate back to the Chamber and to the Downtown Merchant's Association. No action was taken.

DISCUSS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Chamber discussed the tree lighting which is set for Dec. 3 and the decorating of the downtown will be completed during the week of Thanksgiving. The theme for the window decorating contest is Small Town Christmas. The parade is Dec. 12 with MC Jim Foy. Cynthia was to submit the correct permit specifications for the downtown closing for Scare on the Square and the Christmas parade. Rosettes will be handed out instead of trophies for parade floats and plaques will be given for the window decorating contest.

DISCUSS AND ASSIGN TASKS FOR CHAMBER NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Upcoming Ribbon Cutting Event for Texas Home Vineyards was scheduled for Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. Wyndi said she would email everyone to let them know their assignments. No action was taken.

DISCUSS AND CHOOSE "FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH" AND DISCUSS "BUSINESS AFTER HOURS"

Business of the Month for September will be Universal Transformers.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

Cynthia presented the monthly office manager report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.