

New Baden Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

7:00 p.m., American Legion Home

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Larry Wankel. Fourteen members were present.

After Prom Party: Bonnie Zurliene was in attendance on behalf of the Wesclin After Prom Party Committee. She asked the Chamber for a donation for the annual party. A motion was made by Jerry Green and seconded by Mike Pokojski to donate the amount of \$500.00 (this is the same amount donated the year before). All present voting aye, motion passed.

Minute Approval: A motion was made by Bill Koentz, seconded by Tim Hoerchler to approve the minutes from December 3, 2008. All present voting aye, motion passed.

Candidate Forum: Member Bob Nielsen proposed having the Chamber sponsor a Candidate Forum for the upcoming Village Board Elections to be held on April 7, 2009. He stated that there are 8 (eight) petitioners for 3 (three) Village Board of Trustee positions and 2 (two) petitioners for the Village President position. He would like it to be in an open forum, with questions prepared for the candidates. Bob volunteered as the Chairperson. It was agreed to hold the forum on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Home. A motion was made by Mike Pokojski, seconded by Jerry Green to approve sponsoring this event with a \$100.00 budget. All present voting aye, motion passed.

Boy Scout Jamboree: Loretta Hilmes of the New Baden Boy Scouts confirmed that the Boy Scouts would have 4 (four) boys attending the 2010 National Jamboree, July 26 – August 4, 2010, at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. The consensus of members present is that assistance will be given, but no dollar amount was decided. The preference would be to make sure the Scouts going participate in future Chamber events (June Jamboree and Chili Cook-off). Brent Rakers stated he would talk to Loretta Hilmes and have the Scouts attend a meeting, inform the Chamber of what is involved at the National Jamboree, and what type of monetary donation they are looking for.

Treasurers Report: A motion was made by Bill Koentz, seconded by Jerry Green to approve the Treasurer Report. All present voting aye, motion passed. Treasurer Jill Loepker reported that as of this meeting, current membership was 43, down from 52 last year. Jill stated that she is looking for the original key to the safe deposit box located at First County Bank. The CD that the Chamber has at FCB is kept in this box. A fee will have to be paid if the key is not found. Consensus was to pay the fee if key cannot be found.

June Jamboree: Vice President Scott Meinhardt reported that the June Jamboree (June 12 & 13, 2009) will conflict with the American Legion Baseball Team's Wooden Bat Tournament. Scott also reported that the Illinois Tractor Pulling Association is sponsoring a pull on Saturday, June 13, 2009. This will mean that the crowd drawing trucks will not be pulling in the truck pull.

New Baden Directory: Discussion regarding who can purchase ads in the new directory. It was decided that Mike Conley will give the discount only to New Baden addressed businesses who are Chamber members. The consensus was NOT to have businesses located outside of New Baden in the directory. Mike could solicit non-Chamber members, but no discount would be given due to the fact of them not having joined the Chamber by the 02/04/09 meeting. For future reference, dues need to be received prior to the Banquet.

Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet: Brent Rakers reported on the Success of the success of the Annual Banquet.

Property Purchase: Scott Meinhardt reported on the piece of property the Village of New Baden is selling. The property is located at East Cedar Street and State Route 160. Scott will reactivate the committee. Bids are due by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2009.

June Jamboree Chair: Mary Kues is reported as the tentative chair for the June Jamboree. She was not in attendance for verification.

Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team: The Chamber had been contacted from this organization to perform a show. Scott Meinhardt reported the cost to be high after speaking with their spokesperson. This will not be something the Chamber will be doing.

Park Concession Stand: Scott Meinhardt reported that the American Legion Baseball team is selling their portable concession stand located at the Park. The Team asked if the Chamber was interested in purchasing the stand. The funds collected would go to the cost of a new building. Discussion on a joint building with the Legion Team and the Chamber. Tim Hoerchler stated that he would look into a small pavilion located at the Legion Diamond (plans, costs). He will also present to the Village Board for their approval.

Village Wide Yard sale and Spring Clean-up: Scott Meinhardt stated that the Village Wide Yard sale would be on Saturday, April 25, 2009 and the Spring Clean-up would be Saturday, May 2, 2009. He did need to confirm the Clean-up date with Jim Osborne for use of his grounds for the event.

Fire Protection District Raffle Tickets: Jill Loepker reported the receipt of the raffle tickets from the Fire Protection District, 6 tickets for \$50.00. A motion was made by Tim Hoerchler, seconded by Dave Rudy to approve the purchase of 6 raffle tickets. All present voting aye, motion passed.

A motion was made by Dave Rudy, seconded by Jerry Green to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mike Riley's name was drawn for the cash drawing. He was in attendance and received \$31.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L Crane
Secretary