

New Baden Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

7:00 p.m., American Legion Home

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

Jerry Green noted that motions are not needed to approve minutes and the treasurer's report, per Robert's Rules of Order.

Dave Brandmeyer was welcomed as a new member of the Chamber.

Minute Approval: All present agreed to approve minutes from February 4, 2009.

Treasurer's Report: All present agreed to approve the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Loepker stated that the safety deposit box at First County Bank is scheduled to be drilled out on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. She is unable to attend. Secretary Crane and Member Bob Nielsen agreed to be present. Treasurer Loepker read the "thank you" letter from the family of J.V. "Buddy" and Florence Mueller for their inclusion at the last Chamber Banquet. The family sent a Chamber of Commerce keychain that was found going through the Mueller's belongings.

Boy Scout Jamboree: The four boys from the area who would be attending the 2010 National Jamboree, July 26 – August 4, 2010, at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia were in attendance to discuss some of the events they will be participating in. The Scouts are Austin Hilmes, Jay O'Brian, Matt Thaler and Logan Mullins. It will cost approximately \$1,500.00 per scout to attend; \$900 for the Jamboree, \$600 for travel expenses. The boys will be staying at churches and colleges on the way there to cut down on the cost. In addition to attending the Jamboree, the scouts will also visit Gettysburg, Annapolis and Washington D.C. Some of the events that they will be participating in at the Jamboree include: water events, shooting, Indian dancing, and various displays. For any questions, contact Loretta Hilmes or Mark Thaler.

After the scouts left, the Chamber discussed how to help the boys. It was decided to have the boys assist in the next upcoming six (6) events of the Chamber; Spring Clean-up, June Jamboree and Chili Cook-off in both 2009 and 2010. Participation at all events will allow for a minimum of \$1,500.00 to be received in total for all 4 boys. The following is the information provided to the Scouts:

Spring Clean-Up, 2009 and 2010: need maximum of 4 boys to be paid \$50/boy/Clean-Up, maximum of \$200/Clean-Up.

June Jamboree, Parking, 2009 and 2010: minimum of 10-15 people to help Friday 6-9 pm or so; minimum of 15-20 people to help Saturday 4-9 pm or so; to be paid \$500/Jamboree;

June Jamboree, Clean-Up and Other Miscellaneous Tasks, 2009 and 2010: indefinite amount to be paid

Chili Cook-Off, General Help, 2009 and 2010 (possibly oversee bonfire, help with soda stand, etc.); indefinite amount to be paid.

Other Miscellaneous Tasks That Might Arise, 2009 and 2010: indefinite amount to be paid.

As long as the Scouts help at all six events (Spring Clean-Up, June Jamboree and Chili Cook-Off) in the next two years, the Chamber will pay a minimum total of \$1,500. This represents \$1,000 for parking and \$500 for the other tasks. The Chamber may give more, but no less than \$1,500, if expectations are met.

Bill Koentz made the motion to approve the above functions, seconded by Scott Meinhardt. All present voting aye, motion passed

Candidate Forum: Member Bob Nielsen gave an update on the Candidate Forum. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at the American Legion Home. Candidates for Village President will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Candidates for Village Trustees will be from 8:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Bill Koentz will be the moderator for the event. Bob Nielsen inquired on the spending of his \$100.00 budget; funds will be used for advertising in the local newspapers.

June Jamboree: A chairperson for the June Jamboree Committee is still needed. Mary Kues will be handling her normal duties involved with the truck pull. Dawn Ahner will again be in charge of the parade. June Jamboree Committee meetings will be held prior to the Chamber meeting starting April 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

New Baden Directory: Directory Update. Mike Conley has been given the ok to proceed with the directory. Publication will not be made until after the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election (which will allow for the most recent information on the Village Board Members).

Property Purchase: No update. Property Committee will meet after the Chamber meeting. Bids are due by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2009. Bid amount will only be known by Property Committee. Will only be disclosed in the sealed bid.

Park Concession Stand: No update.

Village Wide Yard sale and Spring Clean-up: Scott Meinhardt confirmed that the Spring Clean Up event will take place at the Jim Osborne property. Electronic collection is lined up with the same company; they will accept anything with a cord. Jerry Kunz has been the only one to submit bids for the scrap metal collected that day; will just allow him to do the collection. Scott stated he will coordinate with Jerry Green, the Chief Building and Zoning Code Officer with the Village of New Baden, for property clean-up. Jill Loepker mentioned having on-site document shredding. This will be looked into.

Teri Crane, Village Clerk and Chamber Secretary, will be the liaison for the Village Wide Yard sale. She will compile the list of addresses for flier distribution and will include them on the website. Scott will prepare the press release for the newspaper and advertisement will also be placed in the Belleville News-Democrat. The websites will provide the most current information; www.newbadenchamber.com and www.newbadenil.com. The bulletin board normally placed at the O. W. Billhartz Civic Center will not be used this year.

Opening of New Business: Mike Riley inquired on sending flowers to Giovanni's To Go which has just opened at 602 West Hanover Street. Jerry Kunz has opened his surplus office furniture store at 108 East Hanover Street.

June Jamboree, New Business: Dawn Ahner is in charge of the Parade; Mary Kues will do the Tractor Pull with her normal crew (Dean Kniepmann, Wanda Gildig); Scott Meinhardt in charge of Truck Pull. Bands have not yet been committed; suggestions: "Souled Out", "Whiskey Dixon", "When Pigs Fly." The consensus of the Chamber is to change the parade start time to 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. The Lions Club will be sponsoring the Miss New Baden Contest.

A motion was made by Tim Hoerchler, seconded by Bill Koentz to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

John Marshall was drawn for the cash drawing. He was not in attendance to receive \$13.00

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L Crane
Secretary