

New Baden Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

8:00 p.m., American Legion Home

Chamber of Commerce meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Larry Wankel. Eleven members were present. Prior to the meeting, a Chili & Soup Cook-off Committee meeting was held at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club Members, Charles & Ruth Daiber: Mr. and Mrs. Daiber were in attendance on behalf of the Lions Club regarding the Miss New Baden Pageant. Traditionally, the Lions Club has made the standard donation of 20% of the profits collected from tickets sold for Miss New Baden; the majority of these tickets are sold PRIOR to the June Jamboree. After much discussion, a motion was made by Wanda Gildig; seconded by John Marshall that all future Miss New Baden Pageants (held in conjunction with the June Jamboree) will cut off ticket sales on Friday at noon, this will eliminate the payment of the 20% of the profit. The Pageant will still have entries in the Parade and will hold the Coronation at the Park (weather permitting). All Chamber members present voting aye; nay none, motion passed.

New Baden Directory: Minor issues. Was distributed in August.

Property: Sign wording has been proofed, will be printed this week. Asking price is \$49,500.00. Was stated that the grass was maintained (a previous issue), not sure who cut it.

Minute Approval: All present voting aye to approve minutes from August 3, 2009.

Treasurer's Report: All present voting aye to approve the Treasurer's report.

Spring Clean-up: Mike Pokojski talked to Jim Osborne; Chamber will need to find a new location to hold the annual clean-up. Scott Meinhardt has contacted the Village about using the Village Dump near the railroad tracks.

Tent/Canopy Purchase: Discussion on tent/canopy purchase. Mike Pokojski made the motion to purchase two 12x20 canopies from the cheapest supplier (either Harbor Freight or Cummins); seconded by Gordon Hoerchler; vote: all aye, nay none, motion passed.

Park Restroom: It was reported that the Village is taking over the restroom project.

Insurance Committee: Wanda Gildig reported the additional research she did regarding insurance. Also wanted it known that Lookingglass Mutual was not in the running for supplying the Chamber with insurance. Her recommendation is to tell Schmale (current insurer) about what the Chamber requires and see how they can help.

Plaque for Time Capsule from Sesquicentennial: Scott Meinhardt shared info with the Chamber supplied by Dave Brandmeyer, Village President. Tabled until more info is received from the Village Board.

Christian HomeCare Services, Inc.: Gordon Hoerchler reported that Christian HomeCare Services does have a \$1,000.00 sponsor for the All Things Chocolate event. Gordon rescinded his \$1,000.00 motion from the previous meeting. Gordon motioned to donate \$500.00 to the event (this would entail the Chamber logo being on the front of the auction booklet and a full page ad in the booklet); Mike Pokojski seconded; vote: all aye, motion passed

Park Concessions: Discussion regarding Chamber's usage of new concession stand being built by American Legion Diamond (it will be larger than planned and attached to the new restrooms). Scott Meinhardt will get a written agreement with Bob Oster for usage during the June Jamboree.

Light Poles in Park: Village Park Board will be recommending to the Village Board the installation of light poles in the Park for lighting near the extra soccer fields and the truck/tractor pull area. Scott is waiting for quotes.

Economic Development: Dave Brandmeyer, Village President, was not in attendance to go over his plans for the Village.

DARE Motorcycle Ride: Scott Meinhardt asked for a \$500.00 donation for the DARE Motorcycle Ride. A motion was made by Brent Rakers to donate \$500.00; seconded by John Marshall; vote: all ayes, nay none, motion carried.

Storage: Discussion of storage area for Chamber trailer and various other items. Items are currently stored at Roger & Wanda Gildig's residence. Rehkemper Storage (corner of South Railway Street and Missouri Street has a unit available (15x40, lockable door, concrete floor, \$100.00 per month). Matter tabled; Wanda will research the possibility of any additions to their storage facility

June Jamboree Bands: Discussion on getting different bands, not the ones the Chamber has traditionally gone with in the past, for the June Jamboree.

Brent Rakers Funds: Jerry Green made a motion to donate an additional \$500.00 in funds to Brent Rakers and his trip to the Arm Wrestling World Cup in Italy. Brent Rakers stepped out during discussion. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Dr. Koentz, who was in attendance, was the cash drawing winner.

A motion was made by Gordon Hoerchler, seconded by John Marshall to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Secretary