

New Baden Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

7:00 p.m., American Legion Home

Chamber of Commerce meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Larry Wankel. Ten members were present.

Minute Approval: All present voting aye to approve minutes from October 7, 2009.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive: Jennifer Pollmann of the American Red Cross was in attendance to promote the blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the New Baden Civic Center. Call 800-GIVELIFE or www.bloodisneeded.org for more information. New Baden blood drives are very solid, with around 25 units of blood collected at each drive.

Chamber Property: No update. No advertising being done, just the sign on the property and information on the website.

Spring Clean-up: No updates.

Park Restroom: No updates.

Insurance Committee: Larry Wankel is completing application to return to Schmale Insurance Agency.

Plaque for Time Capsule from Sesquicentennial: No updates.

Tent/Canopy Purchase: Scott Meinhardt purchased three tents at \$149.00 each from Harbor Freight; 10 ft x 20 ft carport style tents. It was suggested to have shelves placed in the new storage area to store the tents.

Park Concessions: No update. Still being discussed by New Baden Village Board.

Light Poles in Park: No update. Costs are high.

Chili & Soup Cook-off: Cook-off went well.

Storage Unit: Second reading. The cost will be \$75.00 per month with a 5-year contract, paid up front, cost is \$4,500.00. Tim Hoerchler motioned to approve the payment of \$4,500.00 for a 5-year contract, seconded by Jerry Linthicum; all aye, motion carried. Storage unit is located on West Missouri Street, owned by Mike Rehkemper.

Chamber Trailer: Tim Hoerchler is waiting on prices for repairs to the trailer (re-lettering, painting, rims).

June Jamboree:

- **Bands:** Discussion of bands for June Jamboree 2010. Have a contract for "The Nudge" on Saturday night. Traditionally has been approximately \$800 for a Saturday night band and \$500.00 for a Friday Night band. Saturday night used to be the bigger night for a band crowd; more people attending Saturday night for the Truck pull. Suggestion to see if the Shoal Creek Bottom Boys will perform from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday night after the parade.
- **Ride Contract:** Discussion regarding fuel surcharge to be charge by Ride Vendor by switching to third weekend in June. Jerry Linthicum made the motion to approve a 2 year contract (with the possibility of a third year) with the ride vendor to avoid the fuel surcharge; seconded by Bill Koentz; all aye, motion passed. June Jamboree is scheduled for June 18 & 19, 2010.
- **Fireworks:** Mike Riley will contact Mad Bomber regarding fireworks on Friday night; will inquire on a rain date to be scheduled on Saturday.

Officer Nominations: Discussion on officer positions available. Treasurer, Jill Loepker, would like a two year break. President, Vice-president and Secretary are good for one more year. Goal is to make each office a two-year term.

Annual Banquet: Banquet is scheduled for January 23, 2010 at the American Legion. Vice-president Scott Meinhardt is in charge of the banquet. Annual dues are due at this time.

Chamber Membership Discussion: Discussion on Chamber membership. Numbers have always fluctuated. Discussion on ways to get more members to attend meetings. "Why are people members of the Chamber?" was another topic. Chamber involved with the June Jamboree, Chili & Soup Cook-off, DARE Ride, Hunter Safety Course, Scholarships, etc.

Secretary, Teri Crane, was the cash drawing winner.

A motion was made by Bill Koentz, seconded by Brian Peters to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Secretary