

MONMOUTH-INDEPENDENCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BOARD MEETING  
Minutes April 9, 2010  
Polk County #1 Fire Station

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Jason Cane, President, at 7:34 a.m. at the Polk County Fire Station.

Members Present: Jason Cane, Dave Wildman, , Elaine Stuart, Bill Foster, , Molly McDermond, Eleanor Titus, Gwen Whelton, Marilyn Morton Kathy Martin-Willis, Scott McClure.

Members Absent: Christine Brinton, and WOU Rep.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MBA

- Bill Foster presented financials for the Monmouth Business Association. Marilyn Morton moved to accept financials, Terri Gregory seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CHAMBER FINANCIALS

- Elaine Stuart presented financials. Balance Sheet attached. Marilyn moved to accept financials, Terri Gregory seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

MINUTES

March Minutes were presented, Terri Gregory moved to approve with the following correction in Committee Report - *The Committee Chair will report all suggestions and findings to the Executive Committee. The transitional committee will address how to keep the Chamber SHOULD BE - VISITORS CENTER open, through recruitment of volunteers.* Dave Wildman seconded. Motion Passed

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Elaine Stuart - Letter was read from building owner Mr. Oppliger. Lease modification would be as follows:

- 4/1/2010 \$1,000.00
- 9/1/2010 \$1,500.00
- 1/1/2011 \$1,900.00
- The lessor will forgive back rent of \$900.00

The Executive Board will meet with the Leasor 4/23/2013.

Questions were brought and discussed on the effect or lease on current budget numbers.

Motion was made by Terri Gregory to accept the proposal as stated in the letter and send a letter accepting terms. Bill foster seconded the motion. Motion was carried with Eleanor Titus abstaining and Marilyn Morton descenting.

Elaine reported on different Chambers in the state and how they manage and employ staff/executive directors. Elaine will also check into a program with Easter Seals for part time help.

Dave Wildman will investigate the progress of the filing of the 501c3.

Greg Ellis spoke to the issue of City of Independence financial support. He explained the process of payment for the city and also brought the City of Independence current with the financial support.

Finance Committee to meet on separating the books of the Visitors Center and the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Banquet Committee**

- Kathy reported that the business of the year awards are finished. Large business – OSU Federal Credit Union  
Small business – Petals and Vines  
New Business - Main St. Pub  
Best Non Profit – Polk Halo Project out of Independence
- Elementary Teacher – Mary Galdon, Secondary – Terri Chappell
- Adding Good Neighbor award Coy Cossey
- First Citizen Patty Nevue
- Distinguished Service – Betty Plube, Bob Barlow

### **Volunteer Committee N/R**

### **Golf Committee N/R**

### **Web Page**

- Julie Sassor reported there was a meeting and training has been done. Dave Wildman will continue to meet with Shannon and Karon. Since task force has fulfilled it's duties. Web page task force was dissolved.

### **IDA Report**

- Eleanor Titus read the minutes from the IDA meeting. Business Fair successful. Shop local in full swing. Additional notes included.

### **MBA Report**

- Bill Foster reported on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Music in the Park 7/7<sup>th</sup> – 8/25. Cycle Oregon is returning to our area 7/17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

Next Forum Lunch for April will be held at Independence Cinema, Wings of Wonder – will be featured speaker.

- May 12<sup>th</sup> forum will be Independence Business Incubator with Marie Trucco speaking.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- New Committee formed for MAPS of our area Marilyn Morton will chair the committee with Molly McDermond and Kathy Martin-Willis also serving on the committee.

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### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

New Wine Shop next to Raging River.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25