



MONMOUTH-INDEPENDENCE Chamber of Commerce

MINUTES February 12, 2010

Meeting Called to order by, President Jason Cane 7:35 AM

PRESENT: Jason Cane, Dave Wildman, Christine Briton, Elaine Stuart, Bill Foster, Molly McDermond, Eleanor Titus, Marilyn Morton, Kathy Martin-Willis, Craig Davis

ABSENT: Greg Ellis, Gwen Whelton (excused) Terri Gregory (excused) Scott McClure (excused).

In the absence of Secretary Whelton Bill Foster agreed to take minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CHAMBER FINANCIALS

- Reported by Elaine Stuart showing a balance of \$4,801.42. Detailed information not available. Bill Foster motioned, Dave Wildman 2nd, to accept the report. MOTION PASSED

MONMOUTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FINANCIALS:

- Reported by Bill Foster, showing balances of each event. Total in all accounts \$3626.34 with the Chamber loan balance of \$5,000. Marilyn Morton pointed out that the totals in the right hand column don't equal the total shown. Bill Foster explained that these were the total carried over from 2009 and reflected the \$5000 loaned to the chamber as noted on the bottom of the report. Cathy Martin-Willis made a motion, Eleanor Titus 2nd to accept the report as presented. MOTION PASSED

MINUTES:

- January minutes were presented: Marilyn Morton moved, Eleanor Titus 2nd to approve the minutes. MOTION PASSED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance:** Elaine reported that the committee is meeting, putting together a budget. Marilyn Morton reported that the City of Independence financial commitment to the Visitor Center was only a one year commitment. Bill Foster stated that it was the general understanding that it was a long term commitment. Christine Britton commented that it was a 3 year commitment.

- **Citizen Banquet:** Kathy Martin-Willis, reported that the committee was using last year as a guideline. Banquet is scheduled for April 29, 2001 in the Pacific Room at Western University. Theme: Magic of Volunteers in MI TOWN. Nomination forms have been sent out. Business awards by Chamber members only. Table sponsors are open to General Public. GOLD Sponsors are to be Chamber members.
- **Volunteer Committee:** Scott McClure and Terri Gregory were absent. Jason read a letter from Scott outlining what they have been doing.
- **Golf Committee:** Dave Wildman. No report.
- **Membership Committee: Deferred:** noting that until the finances are settled unsure how to proceed. It was noted that Ben Meyer is willing to help on the committee, but doesn't want to chair it.
- **Independence Downtown Association:** Report by Eleanor Titus: \$1100 plus in their account: Business Networking Fair scheduled for March 18th at the events barn on hwy 51. Cost is \$30.00 and is open to any business. 30 spaces available. This years Solstice event is scheduled for June 19th. Membership renewals have been sent out. Work continuing on Buy Local campaign. Looking into the Main Street program. Independence Day celebration: work is ongoing.
- **Monmouth Business Association:** Report by Bill Foster: Working on Music in the Park. Working with the City on July 4th activities.

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- Marilyn Morton: Reported that the luncheon to be held at the Independence Elks, Wednesday, February 17, 2010 Noon. Cost is \$10.00. No Shows will be sent an invoice. 62 People had RSVP.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR THE CHAMBER FORUM:

- President Cane reported that the March forum meeting will be held at the Independence Cinema, March 12th, no catering to ne provided, bring your own lunch.

WEB PAGE INFORMATION UPDATE:

- Elaine reported that Amberly had been called in to resolve some issues that only she knew how to do. Julie Sassor agreed to head a committee to train others to work with the web page. Dave Wildman, Marilyn Morton, Terri Gregory, Molly McDermond, and Elaine Stuart were appointed to work with Julie.

Question was raised as to what is being done to resolve the Director issue. After some discussion it was felt that the Finance Committee and the Volunteer Committee could meet and work out some details to be reported at the March Board meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

President Cane reviewed the letter he had sent out to the membership.

Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2010 at the Fire Station.