

Chamber of Commerce In Culver
Board of Directors Meeting – May 27, 2008

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver met with members Mike Stallings, president, Greg Fassett, vice-president, Ralph Winters, Dick Brantingham, Ron May and Dawn Minas present. Bobbie Ruhnow, secretary, was also in attendance.

Stallings opened the meeting at 7:30 AM and asked for approval of the minutes for the April 29, 2008 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion by Winters and Brantingham.

Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report was given, as Ben Schaller, treasurer, was absent.

Second Century Committee Update

Brantingham reported that he and Rick Tompos had attended a work session of the Culver Town Council to discuss maintenance of Gateway signs as well as directional signs. Some vandalism has occurred to directional signs in the town park. It is necessary to determine who has the liability insurance on the signs and if they are considered municipal signs. Sellers and Portside do the maintenance mowing on the gateway sign area on W. Jefferson. The town also does mowing at 10 & 17.

Brantingham said that SCC would have three meetings this summer beginning with the Kiwanis, on June 16, the Lions Club on August 13, and the Chamber Dinner meeting, October 7. The meetings will be held with these local civic organizations to promote awareness of the SCC mission and goals.

New Business

Stallings reported no further information regarding the possible relocation of Portside Marine. Contact has been made to show the support of the Culver Chamber.

Ruhnow reported the membership totals at 88. Directors agreed to contact several businesses that indicated they wished to join but haven't submitted their dues.

Details of the joint raffle to be held with the Culver Kiwanis Club haven't been finalized, Stallings and Fassett reported. Two GEMS will be raffled with one prize being awarded at the Culver Lake Fest and one at the Labor Day Film Festival sponsored by Uptown Cinema. The GEMS are being provided by Tyler Motors in Niles, Michigan. Tickets will have a disclaimer if the number of tickets sold is not sufficient to award the grand prize. The distribution of funds among sponsors has not been formally approved.

Destination Culver has been mailed. The response by participating merchants allowed for the full 8-page newsletter.

Farmers' Market is open and Linhart advised that the opening day had seven vendors, but she anticipated more as produce became available.

Directors agreed to discuss earmarking a project through SCC suggestions but will review the Chamber's financial report prior to making a decision. Minas asked if a July dinner meeting should be scheduled. Due to July being a busy tourist season for merchants and with so many scheduled events she suggested waiting until August. Directors asked if it was possible to schedule a Ledbetter tour for July, if not, they agreed to cancel the July dinner meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Bobbie Ruhnow
Executive Secretary