

Chamber of Commerce in Culver
Board of Directors Meeting July 29, 2008

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver met at the Culver Coffee Company with members Mike Stallings, president, Ralph Winters, Scott Huberty and Dick Brantingham present. Bobbie Ruhnow was also in attendance. Stallings opened the meeting at 7:30 AM.

Treasurers Report

Ben Schaller, treasurer, was not present but Stallings reported that 1,850 Kiwanis raffle tickets had been sold, which insured that two cars would be awarded. The first winner was announced at the Culver Lake Fest and the second winner will be announced at the Film Festival held on Labor Day. To date, the Chamber has sold 334 tickets. The exact amount of money realized per ticket sold has not been determined. Additional tickets may be sold at the same cost until the Labor Day drawing.

New Business

The cost of a new Chamber answering/fax/copy machine is \$156.94, Ruhnow announced. The new machine is the property of the Chamber. The previous equipment belonged to the Ruhnows but used in Chamber duties.

Board members agreed to volunteer at Real Meals when asked. The site director will contact Ruhnow who will ask board members to volunteer. This occurs approximately every three months and takes about two hours of volunteer time.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies at Brockey's Insurance, Collins, and Gladies were discussed. It was suggested that ceremonies take place on the weekend of sidewalk sales in the downtown area. Town council members will be asked to participate.

Directors were updated on two issues of interest to the community. Winters, who is also a town council member, told the board about a proposal from the Culver EMS to institute a paramedic service in the area. A proposal to take the present volunteer service to a paid paramedic service has been presented to the council and township. This will substantially increase the cost of funding the service but will eliminate dependence on Plymouth for paramedic assistance.

The other issue presented was the possible change in zoning for Culver's jurisdictional area. Zoning would become an area zoning that would be administered through a county wide zoning board with one member representing each town in the county. The zoning for the area would conform to the Marshall County Zoning Ordinance. Ruhnow noted her concerns lie in the major differences in zoning requirements in the L-1 and S-1 areas between the Culver ordinance and Marshall County's ordinance.

The dinner meeting for August 3 will be held at the town park with representatives from Ancilla College present to talk about their programs.
Bobetta Ruhnow, Secretary

