

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CULVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING NOV. 25, 2008

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver met at the Culver Coffee Co. at 7:30 AM with Mike Stallings, president, Scott Huberty, Rick Tompos, Dawn Minas and Tony Sellers present. Executive secretary, Bobbie Ruhnow was also in attendance.

Minutes of the October 29th meeting were approved on a motion by Huberty seconded by Tompos.

There was no financial statement presented.

Stallings noted that Greg Fassett was absent due to knee surgery and Dick Brantingham had a medical appointment.

A letter from the Marshall County Visitors' Bureau regarding the Chamber's participation in the 2009 Visitors' Guide was noted. The Chamber has agreed to participate and will pay after January 2009.

The board agreed that they were not interested in advertising in the Northern Indiana Travel magazine that is a publication designed to be placed in hotel rooms.

Stallings reported that he and Fassett had attended a Culver Union Township Library board meeting to discuss the Taste of Culver. The library board made the decision not to host the event but was receptive to sharing information on organizing the event if the Chamber is interested. The library board was uncertain what, if any, profits had been made from past events. The new librarian will meet with Chamber reps after the first of the year to continue the discussion. The Chamber board will have to decide if they will host the event and, if so, discuss partnering with another organization.

The Farmers' Market tent is down and needs some repair. Directors agreed that the market was self-sustaining, with approximately \$600 in receipts each year and little or no overhead to date. It was agreed that the Chamber needed to have a sign posted at the market indicating that it is a Chamber project.

The annual awards dinner is scheduled for December 2 at Café Max. Susie Mahler asks that we have a guarantee of at least 50 reservations. Possible changes in the award requirements will be an agenda item, for the planning session. Stallings will present the Chamber plaque to Lance Overmyer honoring Lance's service on the Culver Union Twp. Fire Dept. Directors agreed to pay for Lance & Lynn's dinners.

Fassett joined the meeting by cell phone and agreed to schedule the 2009 planning session for January 17 at 9 AM. Minas offered to host the session at the Culver Coffee Co. and will provide breakfast. Fassett said the meeting

should last about 3 hours and will have on the agenda, marketing the Chamber.

Sellers suggested that members receive some acknowledgement (other than year stickers) when their dues were paid. A suggestion for a packet containing a list of directors, visitors' guide, dates of monthly meetings, etc. was discussed.

Minas noted her fifth anniversary celebration was November 29 and there would be sales, music and champagne.

The next meeting of the board will be December 30 at 7:30 AM. There will be no January dinner.

Bobbie Ruhnow
Executive Secretary