

**Chamber of Commerce in Culver**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting January 27, 2009 7:30 AM**  
**Minutes**

The Chamber of Commerce in Culver's board of directors met for their January meeting at the Culver Coffee Co. with Greg Fassett, president, Dawn Minas, vice-president, Scott Huberty, Ben Schaller, Rick Tompos, Ron May and Tony Sellers in attendance. Ralph Winters, Dick Brantingham and Mike Stallings were absent. Bobbie Ruhnow was also present.

Fassett gave a broad outline of the organizational meeting held January 17, to those members not present. He noted that the meeting discussed several projects and goals for 2009 and that he wished to form committees to reach these goals.

The contract for the Marshall County Visitors Guide has been signed and the initial payment of \$1,000 made. The final payment will be made after the ad is proofed, Fassett noted. He was advised that MCVB indicated there might be an increase in cost in 2010 but the Chamber board would assess their options at that time.

Pam Fisher has indicated she would be willing to act as Chamber ambassador to welcome new businesses as part of ribbon cutting ceremonies. Minas will check with Jamieson's of Town and Country Liquors, and Culver Cabaña to see if an "Anniversary Welcome ceremony" could be arranged. It was noted that a new business "Bike Barn" will be occupying the site of the former Grapevine and could be included in any welcoming ceremony.

**Taste of Culver**

The green light has been given the Chamber from the Culver library board to organize the Taste of Culver event. Ali Gaskill, former chairperson, has indicated willingness to assist in information on organizational issues.

A committee composed of Ron May, Dawn Minas, and Greg Fassett will explore changing the time of the event to later in the season, possibly combining it with the Film Festival hosted by Dan Bickel.

**Nine and Wine**

A social event to be held at Mystic Hills Golf Course (possible date in late May) was discussed. The event would include nine holes of golf with a wine tasting reception to be held after at the clubhouse. Invitations would be issued to include possible new members and prior members. A committee formed to develop the outing is composed of Rick Tompos, Tony Sellers, Scott Huberty and Greg Fassett.

**Farmers' Market**

Fassett recommended that 30 to 50 percent of the proceeds from the Farmers' Market be kept in a separate fund dedicated to replacing the tent in the future. Members agreed that the market was self-sustaining and proceeds had paid for the original tent cost, but in the past, proceeds had gone into the general operating fund of the Chamber. The tent will have to be replaced this year, Tompos reported. Suggestions are that money be removed from the Marshall County Community Fund to cover the cost of the tent and possibly paid back from proceeds from projects this year. Noted that Dr. Bailey's home and possibly, adjacent lot are for sale and if sold, it would be necessary to relocate the market. Fassett will speak with Dr. Bailey and if necessary, board members will explore an alternate location.

Members were reminded of the dinner meeting to be held February 3, at the Culver Coffee Company. Fassett thanked Minas for hosting the planning session and providing a breakfast at no cost.

Bobbie Ruhnow  
Executive Secretary