

Chamber of Commerce in Culver

Minutes – Board of Directors September 29, 2009

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver met at the Culver Coffee Co. with Greg Fassett, president, Ron May, Ralph Winters, Tony Sellers, Rick Tompos, Mike Stallings, Dick Brantingham and Scott Huberty in attendance. Also present, Bobbie Ruhnow, executive secretary. Directors, Dawn Minas and Ben Schaller were absent. The meeting was opened at 7:30 AM by president, Greg Fassett.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Fassett reported that he and May had discussed the printing and mailing of Destination Culver. May said that Ancilla College uses Town & Country printers for their Ancilla Accent magazine. The firm can do layout, printing and mailing, if desired. Fassett will meet with a representative of Town & Country along with Ruhnow to discuss options. Ruhnow advised that the mailing of the newsletter is her priority to address.

Taste of Culver (b)

Stallings reported that he and co-chair, Patty Stallings, had made preliminary plans for Taste of Culver for 2010 setting a tentative date of June 19th. This would follow the CBG's auction on June 18th. He suggested the location of the event be planned for Jefferson St. between Main and Ohio and could be a link to the Farmers' Market. Each vendor participating would have a specialty and hours would be from 11 AM to 2 or 3 PM. A car show, music and possibly, a balloon ride could be part of the festivities. Stallings have talked with Mark Damore, Susie Mahler, restaurant owners, and Carol Saft, library board member, who have all agreed to help. Tents used formerly by the library for Taste of Culver will be available according to Jim Hahn, library board president. It was formerly agreed that any proceeds from the festival will be used toward a tent purchase for Farmers' Market.

Scarecrow Contest (c)

Winters asked if the Chamber was sponsoring the Scarecrow Contest for 2009. Judi Dodge has been the chairman for the Chamber in the past, but if needed, the Culver Walking Ladies could chair the event. Fassett will contact Judi and report. Stallings and Brantingham have volunteered to get the corn shocks and put them on the lamp posts.

New Business

Winters announced that a representative of McDonalds was interested in purchasing land on the corner of SR 10 & 17 for a restaurant, but the owner of the area is not willing to sell. It isn't known if other land in the Culver area is available or suitable for the project.

Meeting Locations (b)

It was agreed that the directors' meeting would continue at 7:30 AM at the Culver Coffee Co. Venues for monthly dinner meetings were discussed and directors agreed that member restaurants should have priority.

Sellers proposed that restaurants (not currently members) could be given an opportunity to host a dinner meeting with the first ten customers paying for the membership. It was suggested that the participating restaurants could be guaranteed two meetings per year. Further discussion will be held.

2009 Award Committee (c)

Winters, Brantingham, Tompos and Stallings will meet to determine the recipients of the 2009 Lifetime Achievement, Business Person of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year awards. Tompos noted the past recipients' plaques had still not been posted in the Culver Union Township Library as proposed.

Membership (d)

It was decided that at the Oct. 6th joint dinner meeting (with SCC) that a card be made available for those attending not already members of the Chamber to join with a private membership. Dues paid at this point would be credited to 2010. It is anticipated that there will be 50 to 60 attending this event.

Tree Commission (e)

Brantingham and Stallings reported that the Tree Commission will be planting 61 new trees in the Culver area. They will need volunteers to help dig the holes and plant the trees. Sellers volunteered to assist and Tompos suggested contacting Nancy McKinnis, Culver Academies, for volunteers.

Fassett read a letter from Connie VanHorn inviting Chamber to attend a lecture at the Culver Union Township Library on Oct. 7 at 6:30 PM on Gangs, Violence and Tattoos.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM

Bobetta Ruhnow
Executive Secretary