

## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CULVER**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**OCTOBER 27, 2009**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Schaller reported that we are presently operating at a deficit from the projected 2009 budget and it will be necessary to withdraw \$1,000 from MCCF before the end of the year. Receipts total \$15,146 and expenses are \$14,283 to date. Schaller also noted that Chamber funds in MCCF should begin to show growth soon. The budget for 2010 will be presented at the November meeting for membership approval.

#### **Old Business**

Taste of Culver chairman, Stallings, said that he had talked with Lois Curtis and Connie Overmyer who would be interested in having a Spring Bazaar, similar to the Winter Bazaar held in November. They would coordinate it with the Taste of Culver event. The Farmers' Market hours could be extended to offer additional shopping opportunities. He suggested we get a "coming event" plaque for our Welcome sign and article advertising Taste of Culver in the Citizen in May. Tentative hours will be 11 AM to 2 PM and entertainment will be an added attraction. Ali Gaskill will be consulted as a former chairman.

Tompos will schedule a meeting with the Academies employee who will be making the new tent cover for the Farmers' Market. He will check with vendors to get their input on the type of cover needed. The cost will be approximately \$1500 and will use the same frame. He will meet with Barb Linhart, market manager, the first of the year.

Fassett thanked Brantingham and Tompos for their assistance at the October dinner meeting at the Equestrian Center. This was a joint meeting of the Chamber and Second Century Committee that included a tour of the new facility.

#### **New Business**

Fassett announced the annual organizational meeting will be held in January, 2010 on a Saturday from 10 to 2. He will arrange the meeting place and advise.

The annual Christmas Award dinner will be held December 8 at Café Max. The award committee will meet to select the 2009 Lifetime Achievement, Business Person of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. The slate of officers for 2010 will be presented for approval at the November 3 dinner meeting at the Culver VFW. The slate will remain as approved in 2009.

Brantingham advised that the Second Century Committee was prepared to present their slate of officers for 2010 at the November 3 dinner. Their officers must be approved by the Chamber membership. The slate will be composed of Brantingham, president, Tompos, treasurer and vice-chairman, and Patty Stallings, secretary. The remainder of the Steering Committee is Jim Wierick, Rita Mason, and Ginny Bess

Munroe. SCC general meetings will continue to be held at the Culver Union Township Library at noon with Gladie's Deli catering.

Getting larger street banners will be a discussion item. Winter banners will be erected in November, Brantingham reported.

Directors agreed that the town manager, Michael Doss, would be welcome as an ex-officio member of the board of directors.

Increasing membership will be a goal for 2010 and Fassett will contact the Citizen to insert an article about the benefits of Chamber membership.

A meeting with Town and Country to discuss costs of printing and mailing Destination Culver will be scheduled soon. Ruhnow noted the cards soliciting articles have been sent and the goal is to get the newsletter in the mail in early December.

The representative for the Marshall County Visitors' Guide has contacted the Chamber for the 2010 printing. They would like a decision soon about the Chamber's participation. May will discuss with Mike Woolfington our concerns e.g. lack of editing of the 2009 issue before printing and lack of copies delivered to Culver for distribution.

Discussions of the secretary's fees for 2010 were held. Ruhnow said the monthly wage was sufficient but thought the Chamber should assume internet fees as part of the office expense. A motion by Stallings, seconded by Brantingham to pay those fees was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM

Bobetta Ruhnow  
Executive Secretary