

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN CULVER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

APRIL 27, 2010

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver met at The Culver Coffee Shop with members, Greg Fassett, Dawn Brockey, Rick Tompos, Ben Schaller, Dick Brantingham, Tony Sellers, and Mike Stallings present. Also in attendance were Patty Stallings, co-chairman of Taste of Culver and Bobbie Ruhnow, executive secretary. Directors absent were Ron May, Scott Huberty and Ralph Winters.

Fassett, board president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

TASTE OF CULVER COMMITTEE REPORT

Mike and Patty Stallings, as co-chairs of the event, reported that they have the tents and banners used in previous Taste of Culver events. They will ask the Culver town council's permission to close Jefferson Street from Main to Ohio and put up suitable barricades. This location will allow access also to the Farmers' Market on Ohio and Jefferson Streets and they plan to ask the vendors to extend their hours.

The event is planned for June 19, 2010 and hours will be from 11 AM to 2 PM. Local restaurants have been contacted and the response is favorable.

There will be craft booths, Friends of the Library will have their book sales and there will be the dedication of the Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop on the corner of Jefferson and Main St. Stallings reported they will also have either a band or DJ for background music. Tables will be set up in Heritage Park. Tickets will be sold at a central location for \$1.00 in packets of 10. Tickets has already been printed for previous Taste of Culver events.

Volunteers to sell tickets are needed and Brantingham and Tompos agreed to man a table. Fassett also advised that he would also assist with members of his staff.

Cold drinks will be located in convenient locations.

Publicity will be featured in the local paper and on the Chambers' Web page and Destination Culver. Appropriate posters will be made and distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schaller reported that the Top Ten Banquet accounting showed a plus balance of \$35 with \$400 from sponsors outstanding. Sponsors beside the Chamber were Ancilla College, Coca Cola of Plymouth, Millers Merry Manor and Culver Kiwanis Club. Schaller suggested that the board consider giving a scholarship in 2011 for surplus funds generated by the event.

Dues have exceeded last year's at \$7,600 to date. It was noted that there were still 8 unpaid members from 2009.

NINE AND WINE REPORT

Fassett reported that he had visited the Story, Indiana Wine Festival and contacted several wineries to see if there was interest in appearing at the Culver Nine and Wine event on May 28, 2010 at Mystic Hills Golf Course. He hopes to have at least three for the event.

Final plans approved are: For nine holes of golf and wine tasting, the cost will be \$40; for wine tasting only, the cost will be \$10. There will be 1:30 PM registration, 2:30 PM Shot Gun Start, and 6:00 PM wine tasting. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$60 and an event sponsor is \$125. Reservations may be

made at 574-842-6326. Postcards will be sent to members in early May and posters will be distributed. Notice of the event will be on our web site and in Destination Culver.

OTHER BUSINESS

Representing the Chamber, Fassett attended a Main Street Indiana program. He advised that the Second Century Committee, the long range planning group for the Culver Chamber, would be the ideal group to work with the Culver town council in seeking and implementing downtown revitalization grants.

The raffle tickets for the Kiwanis September 6th fund raiser were distributed to directors.

Tompos advised the Farmers' Market new tent had arrived and was being "lettered". A donation of \$500 toward the cost of the tent was received from the Marshall County Tourism Board. Directors will ask Mike Woolfington and Francis Ellert to attend a ribbon cutting event after the tent is erected.

Tompos also announced that he and Ralph Winters had successfully cleaned the Welcome to Culver sign at State Road 10 and 17. Directors noted the improved appearance and thanked Tompos for his efforts and noted that Sellers Landscaping had also cleaned the entryway landscaping.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM

Bobbie Ruhnow
Executive Secretary