

Chamber of Commerce in Culver

Board of Directors' Meeting

May 25, 2010 - 7:30 AM

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver met at the Culver Coffee Co. for their May meeting with Greg Fassett, president, Dawn Brockey, vice-president, Ralph Winters, Dick Brantingham, Ron May, Tony Sellers, Rick Tompos, and Mike and Patty Stallings in attendance. Ben Schaller, treasurer and Scott Huberty were absent. Also in attendance, Bobbie Ruhnow, secretary.

Fassett announced the 2010 Marshall County Visitors' Guide had been printed and distributed to local merchants.

Coming Events

The Nine and Wine golf outing, scheduled for May 28th, was discussed. White Horse Winery will host the wine tasting portion beginning at 6 PM. Presently, there are 9 hole sponsors and several event sponsors. Sellers announced he had an additional hole sponsor who would also become a new member of the Chamber. He included a flyer about the event in his monthly billings. Fassett said he hoped to attract additional wineries for future events. Brockey said that to date, there weren't many golf participants due possibly to other events for the Memorial Day weekend. Fassett said that perhaps consideration could be given to combining Nine and Wine and Taste of Culver for next year. He thought it might attract more wineries.

Mike and Patty Stallings, co-chairman for the Taste of Culver, said that posters had been distributed advertising the event to be held June 19th. Restaurants have been contacted and there should be 14 vendors. "Tater Creek" a bluegrass group, will be located on a stage in Heritage Park. Vendors will be located on Jefferson Street between Ohio and Main. Tents for the vendors will be erected and each will have a sign with the vendor's name. There will be a station for drinks, e.g. water, pop. Coca Cola of Plymouth will be contacted to supply the soft drinks. Help is needed to set up tables and tents. The tables will be loaned by the Culver Lions Club. Allied Waste will provide containers for trash and recyclables. Volunteers have been selected to sell the tickets Stallings reported. Each vendor will get a receipt for the tickets sold and a final accounting will be made within a week. A ribbon cutting event welcoming the Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop will be held at 12:30 PM at their location on the corner of Main and Jefferson Street.

New Business

Fassett reported that he had been contacted by Bill Davis, president of the Bremen Chamber of Commerce, regarding a steering committee meeting for a Bowen Center grant recently received. Davis would like representatives from the Culver Chamber to attend. Davis is also interested in discussion of possibly forming a county-wide Chamber. Davis is a member of the Marshall County Economic Development Committee along with Kevin Berger and Rick Tompos.

Fassett also noted that it was important that all members of the board of directors take an active part in developing and promoting the Chamber of Commerce in Culver's goals.

Ruhnow reported that Destination Culver spring/summer issue is in the mail.

Bobbie Ruhnow
Executive Secretary

