

Chamber of Commerce in Culver

Board of Directors' Meeting, June 29, 2010 -7:30 AM

The Chamber of Commerce in Culver board of directors met for their monthly meeting at the Culver Coffee Company. Present were Greg Fassett, president, Dawn Minas Brockey, vice-president, Ralph Winters, Dick Brantingham, Tony Sellers, Scott Huberty, Mike Stallings and Rick Tompos. Director Ron May was absent. Also in attendance was Bobbie Ruhnnow, executive secretary.

Fassett opened the meeting at 7:30 AM with congratulations to Mike and Patty Stallings for their work in making the Taste of Culver 2010 a success.

Taste of Culver report

Stallings reported 3,246 tickets sold for receipts of \$3,222.45. Expenses totaled \$2,036.56 giving a profit of \$1,185.99. Payouts included Coca Cola Bottling for soft drinks; Patty Stallings for printing and miscellaneous expenses (water, banner letters, etc.) of \$146.61, Gladie's Deli - \$562.00, Boardwalk Café for \$464.00 and the band expense was \$600.

Gladie's donated \$100 back to the Chamber and Boardwalk Café donated 20 percent of their proceeds. All remaining restaurants participating donated all proceeds. This included City Diner, Park N Shop, Original Root Beer Stand, The Culver Coffee Shop and Subway.

The ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of the Academies Museum and Gift Shop was a success with Brockey and Stallings welcoming the new business in downtown Culver. John Buxton, head of schools, represented the Culver Educational Foundation.

Stallings also reported that the Friends of the Library sold books and the Farmers' Market held extended hours to coincide with the event.

There were 350 Kiwanis raffle tickets sold. Stallings also thanked the Culver Firemen for their assistance in providing tables.

Despite the storm preceding the event on Friday, June 18, resulting in lack of power and major tree damage on the streets, the event was a success, Stallings reported.

Directors will discuss setting a standard price for next year's event. The 14 tents used for the event are being stored with Winter's Culver Storage without cost to the Chamber. The tents are the property of the Culver Public Library and a decision on purchasing the tents will be made at a future date.

Other Business

Dave Baker, Kiwanis president, has suggested a joint meeting with the Chamber. A thank you for participating in the Marshall County Visitors' Guide was received from Mike Woolfington.

Brantingham, SCC chairman, announced that the July meeting of the general SCC would not be held. The Steering Committee will meet on schedule and discuss their participation in Indiana Main Street. Michael Doss, town manager, will be invited to attend the board of directors' meeting July 27 to discuss how the SCC and Chamber can contribute to efforts to secure additional grants and implement a downtown revitalization grant. The Second Century Committee remains a viable arm of the Culver Chamber dedicated to long term planning.

Brantingham said that any changes to the by-laws of the SCC will be brought to a general meeting of the Chamber membership for ratification.

The new tent for the Farmers' Market has been erected and lettering will be corrected at the end of the season when the tent is removed. The cost of the tent was \$2,100 and there is a donation of \$500 from the MCCVB toward that cost.

The Nine and Wine golf outing was a success and realized \$600 to \$800 profit. Discussion will be held in future meetings of determining that the Chamber maintain their not for profit standing.

Bobbie Ruhnow
Executive Secretary