

Meeting Minutes 10/27/15

The Chamber of Commerce in Culver board of directors met at the Culver Coffee Co. with the following members in attendance: Sue McInturff, President, Mark Damore, Vice President, Brandy Pohl, Secretary, Larry Brockey,, Michelle Allyn, Tony Sellers and Elizabeth Beauchamp. Absent directors were: Ben Schaller, Treasurer, and Cheryl Rhodes. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM.

Minutes/Budget:

Damore motioned to approve 9/25/15 minutes, Brockey approved. All in favor.

Wine Fair:

Gross revenue was \$5544.00. A discussion ensued about the way our budget is laid out. All expenses are accounted for and there is a nice profit. Abstaining from marking the profit down until a discussion with Schaller, treasurer, can help clear up the way the budget is laid out.

Fall Fest:

McInturff does not have all the expenses back from Fall Fest. \$65.00 entry fees for chili cook-off and \$290 for tastings. Chili cook-off was a success. Friends of the Library to pay for Marionette show? Around \$500 for vendors which offset the cost of the porta potty. Damore says the Haunted House is fine to keep donating towards Fall Fest. But we need more volunteers (BPA, Football Team etc). Lots of positive feedback from visitors and vendors. Discussion ensued about moving Fall Fest later date if bi-Annual Academy Parent's Auction is the same weekend. It was confirmed it is September 30th--so Fall Fest will stay October 8th.

Awards:

The dinner will be at The Lakehouse Grille. 3 options, (steak, chicken, seafood pasta options). Steak \$27.00, Chicken \$22.00. Send Sue recommendations for award recipients. Sellers, Allyn and McInturff volunteered for the Awards committee. An email will be sent to membership for recommendations--reply by November 11th.

Christmas in Culver:

McInturff reported it's a week from Culver. Brockey and Sellers helped put the banner up today. A weekend getaway to Culver is being promoted on WSBT. The gift certificates this time are worth \$30.00 and more than one can be used at a time. Beauchamp said there are 46 teachers at CES for Christmas in Culver fliers.

Special Events Policy/ Town:

Jonathan Leist, town manager, is present for our discussion on the new policy for the Town. The Chamber feedback is that since the Chamber is a nonprofit and part of the way to sustain our organization is to have membership fees and events to bring in more revenue, a fee might hurt our organization. We feel that we use minimal Town

resources, only really asking to drop off barricades. Leist brought up concern over disclosing all non-profit events--as we don't know what kind of events are to come in the future that might need more town resources such as officers, EMT etc. Other concerns are marathons, races etc. for public safety. Leist doesn't foresee setting a large fee for the type of events that our current Chamber hosts.

CRC reopened their facade grant program. There is \$11,000 still left. Contact Kathy Clark.

Leist reported there is interest in getting Second Century group running again. The person in charge of Main Street Indiana through the State will be here the first Friday in November. McInturff says the main concern is the man power to keep it going. No one stepped up as President when she resigned and the board fell apart. It's time extensive as there are 4 committees to this board. Each committee has to have three people so that's 12 people needed. The affiliation with the Chamber was severed once it became a non-profit. Lakeville, IN is a Main Street Indiana town with many positives happening from that program. Leist is heading up a committee to look into Second Century.

Farmers Market:

Barb Linhart resigned from Farmers Market. There is a refund for \$225.00 out of \$275.00 collected for vendor fees. \$50 was used towards marketing. We will invite Marc Hayden to the November board meeting to discuss Farmers Market in the park.

Other:

Tuesday, December 15th 9:00-2:00 is the organizational meeting.

New board member recommendations: Beauchamp will talk to Angelina Guliani (Boardwalk Bar & Grille), McInturff will talk to Anna Campbell (Maxinkuckee.com), Pohl will talk to Todd Zeltwanger (Ancilla), Damore will talk to Dana Neer (Culver Academies), Sellers will talk to Cassie (Notre Dame). Respond to Sue by November 5th.