

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from July 1, 2009.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Mike Haller, Sandy Bolsoni, Lee Boswell, Doug Horne, Rich Krooswyk, Caren Crowley, Lucy Longfellow, Gary Hase, Don Bender and Nick Campbell.

Directors Absent: Michelle DePaolis and Tony Vinezianno.

Guests Present: None

REMINDER: ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR BOARD MEETINGS.

REPORTS

Secretarys Report: The Board approved Junes meeting minutes.

Treasurers Report: The board approved Junes financial report.

Membership Committee: As of this meeting we currently have 54 members. Any memberships received after our monthly meeting will be reported at the next meeting.

RECENT/UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

If you are interested in hosting a Business after Hours, please contact Michelle DePaolis (708-534-6924) for available dates for 2009. This is always a good way of advertising your business!

Communication/Marketing

The chambers membership form is on the website. Our annual membership /renewal form for 2009 is posted on the website. Great news for both new and existing members as this year the board voted to decrease this years membership to \$50.

The current economy was a HUGE factor in this issue as Chambers across the country are also affected by decreasing membership. The Chamber felt that in order not to loose existing members or even possible new membership it would give EVERY BUSINESS an opportunity to join or rejoin the Chamber and still have benefit to network your business through the chamber.

Gary mentioned that there were 4500 hits on the chamber website. Good news for the chamber as we can see that there have been inquiries being made for information on our website.

New Business

The Board voted again this year to support being a Sponsor for Fall Faire in Monee 2009, and like last year, pay for a table at this event to help promote our members businesses. The Sponsorship was for \$350.00 and the vendor table cost was \$125.00. The event will be held September 11-13, 2009 at Firemens Park in Monee. All members are encouraged to come out and work at our table, or at least bring some of your marketing info out there for the visitors to take with them. This is another one of great opportunities our Chamber helps provide you to get the face of your business in front of the public. For more information call Mike Haller at (708) 212-4133

The Board also voted to approve our Chamber web site set up costs to Information Age of \$570.00. The annual updates of our members information will be done at no cost to the Chamber, also by Information Age.

The New Monee Farmers Market is every Wednesday from 2-7 pm in the Village of Monee parking lot. There are lots of vendors. Please stop by and show your support! And for only \$5.00 you can have a vendor table out there. If you have questions or new vendor information, please call Barb at 708-214-8582.

Meeting adjourned

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th at 5 pm @ Frankies Pizza!