

***St. Helen Chamber of Commerce
Minutes for October 28th, 2009***

Meeting Called to order by President Jan Waltz at 7:03 pm. Richfield Twp Park Building

Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

J. Waltz, M. Almas, J. Lyttle, K. Jernigan

Others in attendance:

C. Tellefesen, G. Bell, K. Jakubos, J. Barton, S. Lyttle

Minutes:

Motion by M. Almas to accept the minutes as presented, second by J. Lyttle, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by K. Jernigan to accept the report as presented, second by M. Almas. Motion carried.

M. Almas made a motion to purchase treats for the party and to purchase a Santa suit for the Chamber, second by S. Lyttle. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Jan gave an update on the Santa parade and party. Grange Bell has accepted the Chair of the Santa Parade for the 2009 season. Discussion on where to start the Parade followed.

Jan presented the Thank you from The 60th Blue Gill Festival Committee to the board; it will be posted at the Chamber office.

Membership:

G. Bell made a motion that we move the checking account if Chase is unable to renew their membership, to a local bank that is a member of the Chamber, second by M. Almas. Motion carried. J. Lyttle volunteered to take a second membership application to Chase Bank.

Hospitality:

No report given.

Old Business:

The fencing at Barton's Bog has not been completed yet, J. Lyttle to get in touch with the fencing company to discuss the details of the fence, as soon as possible.

The Scare Crow Decorations in town are a wonderful addition, and everyone is pleased with the community effort. The judging will be completed on Sunday, November 1st, 2009 by A. Schmidt, P. Rieli, and G. Bell. G. Bell will be taking photos. Thank you for volunteering to do this.

K. Jernigan will be picking up the Button forms from the school next week, so that the Chamber can vote on the Button winner for the 2010 Winterfest Contest. Bid requests to be made to G. Lahar and G. Bell for 500 buttons as well as the tickets. We need to apply to the State for our raffle number. A reminder to Kathy to have the students at St. Helen Elementary School make decorations for the Richfield Twp Hall, Santa Party.

Discussion of the Santa Party and tree lighting. The trees were trimmed for free by Davy Tree, and the lights will be installed. M. Almas made a motion to have K. Jernigan in charge of the camera at the party, second by K. Jakubos. Motion carried.

New Business:

Windows at the Chamber Office are very dirty. K. Jernigan made a motion to have Squeegie Pro provide 4 cleanings to the Chamber window at the Benjamin office; second by K. Jakubos. Motion was amended by G. Bell to include that we make a request to the owner of the building first, and that Squeegie Pro has insurance. Motion Carried.

There was discussion about the December Decoration Contest, and possible themes. This year our contest will be called Christmas Decorating Contest.

Jake Barton provided a quick synopsis of the MSA meeting that he attended on behalf of Snow Packers. He had the opportunity to visit with a person who makes Videos for Web pages. The Chamber asked that Jake get in touch with this person, and invite him to our meeting so that we can discuss this with him. This would be a wonderful opportunity for the Chamber to show case the St. Helen community. Jake mentioned that the Snow Packers will be featured in an upcoming article by MSA. Everyone is encouraged to look for this, and pass it on.

Grange Bell asked if some of the Chamber members, along with the Snow Packers could meet with a group from the Blue Gill Festival to discuss Trunk or Treat. Jim Lyttle asked if this group could include discussion of the poles that are used to hold banners over Saint Helen Road. Grange will set up a meeting with the three groups.

The next meeting for the Chamber will be November 11th, 2009 7:00 pm at St. Helen Power Sports.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:17 pm by M. Almas, second by K. Jakubos. Meeting adjourned.

These minutes have not been formally approved by the Chamber Board.

Minutes respectfully submitted by S. Lyttle 10/31/09