

# St. Helen Chamber of Commerce Minutes for December 30th, 2009 Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Jan Waltz at 7:05 pm.

Board Members Present: Jan Waltz, Maureen Melchert, Kathleen Jernigan, Jim Lyttle,  
Kitty Jakubos and Pam Colby.

Others Present: Bev VanMeter, Grange Bell, Dave Becker, Bob Robinson, Butch McLatcher, Jake Barton,  
Connie Barton, Pat Kelly, and Evelyn Lund

## Minutes

Motion by Kathy Jernigan to accept the Minutes with correction that Susan from Fultz and her husband hid the Medallion and did not make it, seconded by Bev VanMeter.  
Motion Carried

## Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Dave Becker and seconded by Maureen Melchert to accept the Treasurer's Report.  
Motion Carried

## President's Report

Decoration Contest was won by BS Liquor for the commercial division and was awarded the Traveling Trophy. Thank yous have been sent out to all participants.  
Addition of a Knee Wall at the Pavilion, Chamber to work with the Snowpackers and Bluegill Committees to build and fund the wall. Pete Reili will present the idea to the Park Committee.

## Membership/ Hospitality/Historian

Marylee is in the Hospital and is scheduled for a Triple Bypass. (Updated by Jan Waltz on 1/3/10)  
No new members  
Maureen has received the license for Winterfest.

## Old Business.

Banner poles - Bluegill is looking for someone to install the guide wires. Dave Becker reported that the DDC meeting was talking about moving the Banner Poles farther south, possibly by Louie's. The Winterfest banner will be hung on the fence outside of First Bank.  
A Motion to fund the Pavilion Knee Wall was tabled until costs were researched more.  
Winterfest - Grange has volunteered for the position of Chair of the Winterfest.  
Medallion and Buttons are done. #10 goes to winner of drawing contest.  
Pam Colby presented a mock up of the flyer, taken from last year's flyer  
Maureen will be in charge of the 50/50 Raffle  
Dave Malcolm will run the Fishing Contest. Suggested that cash prizes for adults and prizes for kids. Jake will look into prizes for Trophies.  
Snowpackers want to use the Airport again for the Radar Run, not enough room by the Pull area. Will contact Pam Peake.  
New games that were suggested were: Human Bowling, Outhouse or Shanty Race.  
Sponsors from last year will be asked if they want to sponsor same event, then open up to rest of community.  
Food must be done on site. Jamboree didn't work. Standing Bear is in with Coney, walking tacos, pop, coffee, hot chocolate and hot apple cider. Rest of the Chamber Member Restaurants were invited to this meeting. Will have to contact individually then open to non-profit organizations.  
Bonfire will be sponsored by the Snowpackers again

Silent Auction - at Jake Barton's suggestion, the Snowpackers and Chamber will work together on the auction. Anything that the Snowpackers solicited for will go to them and the donation of the Chamber members will go to the Chamber.

### **New Business**

Chamber needs to get a subscription to Resorter since they are the only Newspaper in County.

All voted to get subscription.

Donation to Helping Hands - Letter read by Pam that we received from Helping Hands that was asking for a Christmas Donation. All agreed to give a donation but will hold open for consideration at this time.

Replacing Tarps at the Pavilion - Chamber will replace 6 tarps like last year. Dave Becker has a roll up winch for tarps that he will donate to Bluegill for the pavilion if they can use it.

### **Reports**

Grange presented 2 fundraisers. The first is selling Cheese Cakes. No on hand inventory, just take orders and then order in the amount we need. Gave out samples of the cheese cakes.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> one was 4 Season Post Cards. Chamber must buy and then get businesses in town to sell. Kathy Jernigan said that the Chamber needs to spend money to make money Post cards were agreed on.

Dave Becker gave a presentation on Michigan Winter Sports and compared trends from 1997 and 2008.

Jake Barton reported on vandalism on the trails. Someone is stealing stop signs and directional signs. Asks that everyone report those thieves.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:05 pm