



Columbia Chamber of Commerce –Board Meeting Minutes – 6/3/09

Meeting called to order by Lou Price at 6:40 p.m. held at the Columbia Hills Country Club.

- Roll Call:**
- [] Debra Rose-President (09,10,11,12)
 - [X] Louren Price-Vice President (09,10)
 - [X] Patty Rolko -Treasurer (09,10,11)
 - [X] Lynne Cook- Secretary (09,10,11)
 - [X] Wayne Brassell – (09,10,11) (sorry this was correct)
 - [X] Marnie Butler – (09,10,11,12)
 - [X] Joe Desmont – (09,10)
 - [X] Ray Gurnick- (08,09,10)
 - [X] Pepper Richardson – (09,10,11)
 - [X] Vi Seidel - (09,10,11,12)
 - [X] Jim Wright Sr. - (08,09,10)

Debra Rose arrived around 7:00pm after attending the Columbia Local Schools Board meeting for the Chamber. She was able to secure the use of the school parking lot and gym for the engine show.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: 5/6/09

Lou Price asked for a motion to be made on the board minutes for 5/6/09 with corrections. Patty Rolko made a motion, Vi Seidel 2nd motion to approve the 5/6/09 board meeting minutes. Lou Price called the motion to vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 abstained.

TREASURER REPORT:

- **ACCOUNT BALANCES**
 - *Main Account Balance – \$4,653.85*
 - *Homecoming Account Balance - \$18,591.37*
 - *Engine Show - \$1,177.26*

□ **PRESENT BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Bills to be paid from the main account were a total of \$614.96.

Lou Price asked for a motion to pay the bills from the Main Account. Joe Desmont made a motion, Marnie Butler 2nd motion to approve paying the bills out of the Main Account in the amount of \$614.96. Lou Price called the motion to vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained.

Bills to be paid from the Homecoming Account were a total of \$10,602.39

Lou Price asked for a motion to pay the bills from the Homecoming Account. Vi Seidel made a motion, Marnie Butler 2nd motion to approve paying the bills out of the Homecoming Account in the amount of \$10,602.39. Lou Price called the motion to vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 2 abstained.

Wayne Brassell asked if we have increased \$4,700.00 in the Homecoming account since the last meeting. Patty Rolko reported that it wasn't official but that vendor and booth rentals had increased thanks to Jim.

Bills to be paid from the Engine Show account were a total of \$720.00.

Lou Price asked for a motion to pay the bills from the Engine Show account. Jim Wright made a motion, Vi Seidel 2nd motion to approve paying the bills out of the Engine Show account in the amount of \$720.00 Lou Price called the motion to vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

❑ COMMUNITY GUIDE- Mailing campaign

Fay is out selling.

❑ POLICIES

○ Fireworks - Signing of contracts

The contract lines need to be redone but we were offered a 3-year contract at \$4,000.00 each year for the same amount of fireworks each year.

❑ Executive Sessions

The Chamber will have the center section of the Rural Urban for free and Miss Liberty can earn money off of the sponsors they get to earn money for themselves. This is the ad that used to be supplied by a Chamber member for years. The Chamber pays in town expenses for Miss Liberty but Miss Liberty pays for their own out of town expenses themselves.

NEW BUSINESS

❑ Newsletter & Member Mailings

○ April mailing complete.

Lou went to the Post Office and found out that without a barcode, all mail goes downtown and then back to Columbia Station. Pepper is going to find out the price of having our mail bar-coded.

○ Pepper will put the Newsletter online

○ New Member spotlights were discussed; Great Lakes Trucking and KerryBrock Farms.

Wayne Brassell made a motion which Jim Wright 2nd to approve featuring both companies in our spotlights. The vote was 9 yes 0 no 1 abstain, motion passed.

The Board recessed for dinner at 7:08 PM and resumed at 7:26 PM.

COMMITTEES

❑ BENEFITS-Pepper Richardson

Kaiser would prefer it that we do not advertise for Anthem but our members could still use Anthem if they choose.

❑ ENGINE SHOW- 6/6-6/7/09

Jim Wright will sign for the key and he and Wayne Brassell will set up tents on Thursday evening.

❑ HOME COMING FESTIVAL – 6/26, 6/27 & 6/28/09

Wayne would like to see us increase our budget for fireworks if donations allow. Parma will not be holding fireworks and there are many other cities that will not be having them, it's a good chance to invite people out to our Homecoming Festival and see fireworks at the same time.

Discussion about the 3-year contract with Mad Bomber for fireworks began. The contract had a few corrections that were needed. Jim asked Mad Bomber if we did not hold Homecoming would we still be obligated for the \$4000.00 per year without the event. Also discussed again was that if donations were higher than expected more fireworks would be purchased.

Debra Rose motioned to allow Jim Wright to handle the signage and contract discussions, which was 2nd by Vi Seidel. The vote was 9 yes 0 no 1 abstained and the motion passed.

☐ WEBSITE

The Kudos page is up!

☐ MEMBERSHIP

☐ BOARD MEETING SPEAKER SCHEDULE

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- 5/20/09 – SurEnergy –Excellent Turn out for event.
- 7/15/09 – Visit Lorain County
- 9/16/09 – MRDD
- 11/18/09 –

☐ SPECIAL SEMINARS

- ChamberMaster Training – discussion tabled until after Homecoming

☐ SCHOLARSHIP

Lou presented the award to Richard Byrne on May 19th.

☐ AMBASSADORS

The Ambassadors can promote businesses at Homecoming.

☐ JR AMBASSADORS

- New Chair – Pepper Richardson Pepper talked with Julie from PGT & Vi
- President’s Award – this will be tied in with the pageant.

☐ ADVOCACY

Ray Gurnick, no new items.

☐ MARKETING

Congratulations to Marnie for all her advertising at little or no cost.

COMMENTS

The Engine Show should be advertised in the Avon Press, North Royalton Recorder, North Ridgeville and Lorain County magazine. Lou mentioned to add in the articles that donations are accepted. Pepper commented what an awesome job Marnie is doing.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Wright and Vi Seidel 2nd motion. Lou Price called for a vote on the motion and Motion was carried by unanimous vote 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Lou Price (Signature on file)

Lou Price/Vice President

Lynne Cook (Signature on file)

Lynne Cook/Secretary

Date Accepted: 8/5/09