



**Columbia Chamber of Commerce –Board Meeting Minutes– 2/4/09**

Meeting called to order by Debra Rose at 6:45 PM held at the Columbia Hills Country Club.

- Roll Call:**
- [ X ] 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)
  - [ X ] Marnie Butler – (09,10,11,12)
  - [ X ] Joe Desmont – (09,10)
  - [ ] Ray Gurnick- (08,09,10)
  - [ ] Joe Mesko – (09,10,11)
  - [ ] Vi Seidel - (09,10,11,12)
  - [ ] Jim Wright Sr. - (08,09,10)

Pepper Richardson attended as an Associate (non-voting) at the request of Patty Rolko.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES: 1/7/09**

Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made on the following board minutes for 1/7/09. Marnie Butler made a motion, Patty Rolko 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve the 1/7/09 board meeting minutes with changes. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- **ACCOUNT BALANCES**
  - ***Main Account Balance – \$5,070.38***
  - ***Engine Show -\$591.26***
  - ***Homecoming Account Balance -\$2,928.66***
- **PRESENT BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Patty Rolko submitted the following bills for payment

Homecoming Account Bills

2/5/2009	Cuyahoga Co. Ag. Society	\$150.00	Stage Rental
1/31/2009	Debra Rose	\$119.34	Deposit
1/5/2009	All Top Entertainment	\$500.00	Postage
	Total Bills	\$769.34	

Main Account  
Bills

1/26/2009	The Rural Urban Record	\$56.50	Display Ad for Valentine's Day Dance
1/27/2009	Awesome Wares	\$71.60	2009 Year Membership Tags
1/14/2009	Pepper Richardson	\$55.84	Postage for Membership Renewal Packet
2/5/2009	Chamber Master	\$79.00	Chamber Master February Phone
2/5/2009	Windstream	\$37.08	Bill Toner for color
2/5/2009	Debra Rose	\$104.65	printer
2/3/2009	CCEO	\$150.00	2009 Membership
	Total Bills	\$554.67	
	Grand Total	\$1,324.01	

Joe Desmont said he was going to call All Topp Entertainment to see if he can get a reduction in the price for the Homecoming.

Patty Rolko recommended that the sum of \$1000.00 be transferred from the main account to the Homecoming account since bills for Homecoming were starting to accumulate.

**Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made on transferring the sum of \$1000.00 from the Main Account to the Homecoming Account. Lou Price made a motion, Joe Desmont 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve the transfer. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained motion carried.**

**Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made on allowing the payment of the bills as presented. Lou Price made a motion, Joe Desmont 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained motion carried.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

□ **BUDGET FOR 2009**

The Budget Committee consisted of Patty Rolko, Marnie Butler & Joe Desmont. Collectively they reduced this year's budget by 20% of that of last year. Patty Rolko is going to check on the fees for the VISA machine and compare prices with 5/3 Bank vs. Heartland. Heartland is currently \$20 per month. She will also investigate the fees for a programmable machine. Corrections to the budget were discussed.

**Debra Rose asked for a motion to be made to approve the budget with corrections. Joe Desmont made a motion, Lou Price 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve the payment the budget with corrections. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained motion carried.**

□ **VALENTINES DANCE**

The Valentine's Dance will be offered next year. Several members took tickets to try and sell. Report at the next meeting.

□ **PLACEMAT ADVERTISING – FISH FRY**

Fish Fry on Fridays begin in March. Placemat information will be going out in a mailed packet with other information.

□ **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

□ **WEBSITE**

Pepper Richardson is copying over all documents from the website in order to convert them into the Café format that Network Solutions offers as a free service. This way the chamber will not have to purchase a Windows based program at an approximate expense of \$1000.00. Pepper will recreate the entire website in the new format.

**Debra Rose asked for a motion to modernize and recreate our website so our Board members can update it easily. Lou Price made a motion, Marnie Butler 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to modernize and recreate our website so our Board members can update it easily. Debra Rose called the motion to vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained motion carried.**

Lou Price suggested that Pepper Richardson should be compensated for time put into the project.

RBK – Ron Krisko was not formally removed as technical advisor to the website prior to this meeting. Since Pepper Richardson was in the process of recreating the website it was felt that RBK could now be removed as the technical advisor and a letter should go to Ron Krisko instructing RBK not to make any further changes to the website which is in keeping with the By-Laws since Ron Krisko is no longer a Board member.

□ **SCHOLARSHIP**

Lou Price will handle the Scholarship this year. It was felt that a Chamber member should give out the Chamber Scholarship award even though it is presented through the Chamber Foundation.

□ **NEWSLETTER**

Pepper Richardson will be composing our Newsletter, which will have featured spotlights. The first is going to be PGT. The Newsletter is slated to go out Feb/Mar.

□ **MEMBERSHIP**

Wayne Brassell no report

□ **CCEO CONFERENCE**

Debra Rose & Lou Price will attend and report at the next meeting.

□ **ENGINE SHOW**

Invitations for over 150 exhibitors and flea market vendors were sent out bulk mail.

□ **HOMECOMING**

□ **BENEFITS**

Ron Krisko is waiting for information.

**OLD BUSINESS**

□ **COMMUNITY GUIDE**

Sales are underway again and members are again being contacted by phone.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chamber shirts will be available mid to the end of April for the Engine Show.

Joe Mesko from First Merit Bank would like to discuss with the Board how First Merit could help the Chamber. Our current bank, 5/3 donates \$1000.00 per year to the Chamber.

**COMMENTS**

Chairmen for the Economic, Annual Awards, & Membership Meetings/ Speakers still need to be volunteered for. It was recommended that there be a raffle at membership meetings.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marnie Butler and Joe Desmont 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Debra Rose called for a vote on the motion and Motion was carried by unanimous vote 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.**

**Debra J. Rose (signature on file)**

Debra J. Rose/President

**Lynne Cook (signature on file)**

Lynne Cook/Secretary

Date Accepted: 3/4/09