
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

February 7, 2008

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on February 7, 2008, at Smokehouse Café & Grill. Board of Directors present were; Diana Busby, Mary Thomas, Vicky Knapic, J.D. Hays, Ron Poor, Mary Hixson, Karen Younce, Lori Allen and Gwen Warner. Absent was Bryant Anderson. Also present was Jean Barber.

President Diana Busby called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A motion was made by J. D. Hays seconded by Vicky Knapic to approve the January 3, 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❑ **Retail Meeting** – Gwen reminded those present that the next retail meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2008 at the Chamber office at 8:30 a.m.
- ❑ **Harper County 4th of July Meeting** – Diana Busby reminded those present that the 4th of July meeting is February 7 at Cynthia's at 6 p.m..
- ❑ **Municipal Hall Meeting** – J. D. Hays reported that the Municipal Hall Committee will meet tonight at 7 p.m. They are considering bringing in the big band from Oklahoma called the *Sounds of Music*. They are also in the process of taking over the booking for the Municipal Hall. This will give a centralized calendar with the information online where you can check for the open dates.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Annual Meeting Report** – Mary Thomas reported that she received very generous donations for the annual meeting and the meeting was very well attended. The entertainment carried out the theme of "*Wishes Come True In Anthony*" with Irmal Hays portraying our Fairy Godmother. Irmal granted many wishes to those present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fair Representation for Anthony Population** – Ron Poor reported on the information he had researched concerning the issue of fair representation for the Anthony population. Boundary lines are supposed to be redrawn, adjusted or considered by the county commissioners every ten years, based on the census data. We have gone almost 60 years without redrawing these boundary lines. A *Writ of Mandamus* is at the courthouse just lying there. Ron said there is nothing here for the Chamber of Commerce to do except to be informed and be understanding of what's going on. Cheryl Adlehardt thinks that putting the plan together satisfies the *Writ of Mandamus* and keeps the county from getting sued. If sent to Topeka she thinks it will be put on hold until 2010 and they'll redraw it again anyway.

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2. **Approve New Member** – A motion was made by Vicky Knapic, seconded by Mary Thomas to approve Magnificent Obsessions Bistro (Gabreail Jackson) as a new member. Motion Carried.
3. **Review January Financial** – The board reviewed the January Financial.
4. **Transient Guest Tax Committee Representative** – A motion was made by Mary Thomas, seconded by Mary Hixson to submit BarBara Wright's name to the City of Anthony as our representative on the Transient Guest Tax Committee. Motion Carried.
5. **Approval for "Anthony For The Arts"** – Diana Busby presented her idea of Anthony fostering the arts. This weekend would feature music, art and drama. Diana has ideas already for volunteers for this project. A motion was made by Mary Thomas, seconded by J.D. Hays for Diana to proceed with her idea for "*Anthony For the Arts*".
6. **Anthony Bucks** – Discussion was held on cashing \$130 in outdated Anthony Bucks for the Anthony Ministerial Association. A motion was made by Mary Thomas seconded by Vicky Knapic to issue new Anthony bucks. Motion Carried.
7. **Anthony Bucks Purchase** – Gwen reported that First National Bank of Anthony purchased \$19,600 for their Buck Back Program. This program is very appreciated by the retailers and community members.
8. **Prevention of Underage Drinking Planning Grant Coordinator** – The board reviewed the information on the Underage Drinking Grant. A position for a coordinator is available to a qualified person.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ✓ Kansas Chamber of Commerce Executives – The information on this matter was reviewed by the board.
- ✓ Gwen told the board that she had been contacted by Brandon Hazel about the possibility of having a stunt plane perform at the Sunflowersm Balloon Fest. The board stated that they had no problem with this and recommended that this matter be decided by the Sunflowersm Balloon Fest Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Chamber meeting is February 21, 2008 at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club at noon.
- The Harper County Courthouse Centennial is November 8, 2008