
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

March 18, 2009

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on March 18, 2009, at Smokehouse Café & Grill. Board of Directors present was Bryant Anderson, Karen Younce, Ron Poor, Judy Brummer, J.D. Hays, Vicky Knapic and Gwen Warner. Absent was Lori Allen, Mary Hixson and Tim Gates

President Bryant Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. A motion was made by Judy Brummer, seconded by J. D. Hays to approve the March 4, 2009, minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Retail Report** – Karen Younce reported that the retail committee met yesterday and finalized their plans for the *Anthony's Big Give* which will be held April 2-3-4. The participating retailers will stay open on Thursday evening until 6:30 p.m. Those participating will donate a percentage of their sales from those three days to the local charity of their choice.
- **Sunflower Balloon Fest** – Gwen Warner reported that the balloon fest committee met last week and they were finalizing information for the poster. Sponsorship has been a little more difficult this year due to the economy. We are also working on getting volunteers to assist on several events as well as selling shirts and helping at the mixer. Right now we have 10 balloons. During the day on Saturday (May 9) two shows will feature *The Asphalt Cowboys Motorcycles* somewhere on Main Street. A representative from their show will come to town next week and John Blevins or Nathan Houston from the Anthony Police Department will help them scout out a location for the show.
- **Harper County 4th of July** – Gwen reported that the Harper County 4th of July Committee members are requesting help in securing volunteers to help in selling buttons on the 4th. Advance selling of the buttons is what helps the most and it was mentioned that the contests that were held last year by First National Bank and Kanza Bank were very beneficial in getting a lot of buttons sold.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Review President's Strategic Plan** – President Anderson presented the board with the finalized Chamber Survey that will go out in the next issue of the *Shopping Anthony Flyer*. The board decided that we should send the survey to Anthony, Freeport, Bluff City, Waldron, Manchester and Wakita. Some minor rewording was done concerning the volunteering statement.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Approve New Member** - A motion was made by Ron Poor, seconded by Karen Younce to approve Peggy Schmidt and Anthony Masonic Lodge as a new member. Motion carried.
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Business Climate Report:

Judy Brummer submitted some information on the Kansas Main Street program. Gwen is to e-mail the web site to the board for their review and discussion can continue next meeting.

Other Business:

Gwen mentioned that Howard Hatfield had visited with her about the Chamber considering the purchase of a LED sign. Howard thought that we could possibly request funding from the Wayne Dennis Committee. This suggestion was considered a very good idea but was tabled for the time being.

Motion was made by J.D. Hays, seconded by Vicky Knapic to adjourn the meeting at 12:56. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next board meeting is April 1, 2009 at the Smokehouse Café & Supper Club
- The next Harper County 4th of July meeting is April 7, 2009 at the Chamber office at 6 p.m.
- The next retail meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office
- Sunflowersm Balloon Fest is May 8-9-10