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## Anthony Chamber of Commerce

### Board of Directors Minutes

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May 15, 2008

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on May 15, 2008, at Smokehouse Café & Grill. Board of Directors present was Diana Busby, Mary Thomas, Karen Younce, Bryant Anderson, Ron Poor, J.D. Hays, Mary Hixson and Gwen Warner. Absent were Lori Allen and Vicky Knapic. Also present was Jean Barber and Greg Cleveland.

President Diana Busby called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. A motion was made by Mary Hixson, seconded by J.D. Hays, to approve the April 24, 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❑ **Municipal Hall Events Board Report** – Greg Cleveland reported on the activities of the Municipal Events Board. Their next event is coming up on August 30, Labor Day weekend. They are bringing a 20-piece big band in and are considering making this event a fundraiser for the theater renovations. J.D. Hays reported on the concert with *Ronald and Avis Rohm* and the master class and recital in October.
- ❑ **Sunflower Balloon Fest<sup>sm</sup>** – Jean Barber thanked all volunteers who helped with the balloon fest. Jean reported a fantastic weekend with at least 42 persons receiving a balloon ride. The air show at the airport was very successful and all activities downtown were well attended. Bryant Anderson stated that he thought the parade was the best one he had attended. The balloon fest committee extended special thanks to Howard Hatfield and Roger Downing for making sure we had the fire trucks at the air show, to Diana Busby and Irmal Hays for selling shirts, to CERT who was available all day for the air show, Anthony Kiwanis Club for parking and PrairieLand Partners for providing the GATOR for the weekend.
- ❑ **Harper County 4<sup>th</sup> of July** – Gwen Warner presented the SCA contract to the board for their review. After discussing the contract a motion was made by Mary Hixson, seconded by Bryant Anderson to approve having Gwen sign the contract. Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **Membership Drive** – Discussion was held on the possibility of September as the month for the drive. The second and third week of September was the weeks of choice at this time. We will set a date at the next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Review April Financial** – The board reviewed the April financial.
- 2) **Corporate Tax Return** - The board reviewed the Chambers Corporate Tax Return.

- 3) **City Wide Garage Sale** – Gwen reported that the City Wide Garage Sale and Merchants Clean Sweep Sale, scheduled for June 7 has been very slow in getting residents to sign up. Ads have been placed in the newspapers and the front page of the Shopping Anthony Shopper will feature the Garage Sale the first of June. Greg Cleveland reported that he also had a ball tournament coming in on that weekend.
- 4) **Chamber Computer** – Gwen reported that she had purchased a Gateway computer for \$711.88. She has had volunteer help in transferring files and installing new and old software. A new spy-ware program and a new virus protector has been purchased and installed. When installations is finished the new computer will automatically back up all documents on a second hard drive.
- 5) **Anthony Bucks** – A motion was made by Ron Poor, seconded by Mary Thomas to re-issue 1½ year-old Anthony Bucks belonging to Debra Olds. Motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Ron Poor announced that there will be a hearing tomorrow morning on the redistricting for Harper County.
- Karen Younce reported that the Tree Board had a very good Arbor Day Tree Fair. They had a very good event with far more information than most expected to find. They will probably try it again next year and hope it is better attended.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next Retail Meeting is May 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.
- The next Chamber meeting is June 5, 2008 at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club.
- The Anthony Downs Horse & Dog Races are July 11-13 and July 18-20, 2008
- The Harper County Courthouse Centennial is November 8, 2008