

## **Sidney Chamber of Commerce Minutes May 17, 2010**

The Sidney Chamber of Commerce met on May 17, 2010 at 12:00. Whips Steakhouse sponsored the meeting.

Attendees: Reverend Roger Kissel; Richard Moreland; Brian Whipple; Randy Monroe; Amy Kates; Mark Travis; Carol Rasmussen; Ben Eddy; Bart Bartholomew; Chris Johnson; Vicki Smith; Randy Moreland; Tracy Lovett; Jay Johnson. .

Brian Whipple called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

**I. Secretary Report:** Copies of the April minutes were handed out. Motion by Randy Monroe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Smith to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** Bank Accounts: FCB Savings \$1,470.81; GWB Checking \$5,102.10; Petty Cash \$40.68.

**Bills Paid**

Casey's \$475 (Chamber bucks)  
Mark Jewel \$50 (Chamber bucks)  
Chap's \$25 (Chamber bucks)  
Casey's \$200 (Chamber bucks)  
Casey's \$175 (Chamber bucks)  
Whip's \$150 (Chamber bucks)

**Outstanding Money**

Chamber Bucks \$720  
Flea Market Rental \$60

Membership: 59 businesses and 6 individuals. Nishna Productions is a new member

Motion by Randy Moreland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Rasmussen to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed

**III. Correspondence**

- \*Old Thresher's Reunion – Mt. Pleasant, IA Sept. 2-6, 2010. Fliers available
- \*Request for information about the town, Brian sent them information about our website
- \*Request for use of rodeo stables, Brian sent them to Dave Magel
- \*Teammates Mentoring program, Brian would endorse and he forwarded information to the school
- \*Grant application for advertising

**IV. Announcements:**

Reverend Roger Kissel encouraged Chamber support for school backpack program he received in mail recently. Chamber will review information at next meeting.

**V Business:**

- A. Insurance: We may get a reduction in the insurance as a lot of events are not covered or may be double covered. Brian stated that this is on hold until Ross Silcock gets us concrete figures.
- B. City Wide Clean-up: Mark Travis was available to give us an update on how the city wide clean-up plans are coming along. Dates have been set for June 4-5, 2010.

- C. Working on Sidney promotional packets for Waubonsie visitors. Chamber members are welcome to place informational packets. Motion to place \$5 chamber bucks was made by Randy Moreland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Lovett. Motion passed.
- D. City working on TIF programs and possible matching grants for local business owners. More details as these are worked out.
- E. City will work on more communication to citizens through local paper – monthly.
- F. Logo: Adkins Signs are working with the Chamber for different products. Chamber will be getting clings for businesses to put in windows. Eventually we will have a logo to use on shirts for use at events or Chamber meetings.
- G. Rodeo Parade: We are asking for goodies from Chamber members (ie: discount certificate; coupons; etc) to give out to band members. Chaps is providing hot dog; chips and drink....Sidney Foods is providing Ice Cream and Tracy Lovett is providing an 8x10 picture of the band and a commemorative banner to be supplied to each band. We will need assistance with cooking and serving of all these kids. Manpower will be needed at this event, so please try to help out.
- H. Flea Market: August 6 & 7. There has already been lots of interest. Some people have asked if we have indoor locations. This might be something we consider for next year.
- I. Movie Night: Randy Moreland and Reverend Roger Kissel are trying to get a movie night set up for Sidney. Reverend Roger Kissel stated that he has a gospel group possibly coming during the flea market.
- J. Golf Tournament: Scratched date. Chamber will try to do something next year.
- K. Sidney: Chris Johnson and Brian Whipple invited a group of Sidney citizens for a very informal meeting to discuss the town of Sidney. Where are we today and where do we want to be tomorrow as a community. Need to think long term. Is there any interest in moving forward: Bring your comments and suggestions to either Brian or Chris.
- L. Calendars: Tracy Lovett reported that 2010 calendar pictures will be made available this week and placed in local businesses for silent auction. Minimum bids will be set up and no definite end date for auction will be published at this time. Picture distribution list will be handed out by Tracy. Promotional information will be available at auction sites for 2011 calendar sales. Vicki Smith volunteered to head up the 2011 calendar sales and advertising.

**VI. Adjournment:** Motion by Reverend Roger Kissel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bart Bartholomew to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Kates, Secretary

**Chamber Calendar:** <http://www.sidneyiowachamber.com>

**Next meeting to be June 21st at 12:00 sponsored by Sidney Foods.**