

Minutes of June 6, 2006 Meeting
Olivet Community Chamber of Commerce

Meeting was called to order by President, Becky Ramage..

Treasurer's Report and Minutes were circulated and accepted as printed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Publicity- We still anticipate having the next newsletter out by 7/1/06.
- Membership- We currently have received dues from 45 members. Two past members have chosen not to renew and we have made reminder calls to 23 other past members. Becky will get information to Mandy about the 06-07 membership so that she can get it submitted to Bruce Snyder for a rough draft of the new directories.
- Community Center- We agreed to purchase four tables to replace the ones that had been damaged.
- We discussed checking into purchasing chair racks so that the chairs would not have to be stacked against the walls.
- Oaklawn Hospital has agreed to extend our lease with no changes. We discussed sending a letter of thanks to Oaklawn Hospital as well as placing an ad in the AdVisor thanking them for their commitment to our community by offering us the use of the Community Center
- Becky Ramage reported on the meeting that she, Ben Hart, and Frank and Karen Brownell had with Don Tuski regarding the the problem that had arisen with the college group that had rented the Center. Don apologized for the problem. He asked that the Chamber consider renting to the group again as part of a learning experience for them in conjunction with the college's philosophy of social responsibility. Don also offered his willingness to continue to help the Chamber and City in any way that he can.
- College Report- Ed Heator reported that the college board will meet next week to discuss the Capital Campaign that is slated to launch by 7/1/06. He is excited! The college has another record enrollment for fall 2006. Larry Valor has been hired as Director of Admissions. This year's Homecoming will be October 7.
- Fundraising- Becky Southern discussed plans for Firemen's Festival. She had information on prices for various kids inflatables for the event. We will operate the games from noon to 6PM.

The Talent Show is a go!! She currently has 11 participants. The show will be held at 7PM at the Oaks Theatre downtown. She hopes to schedule a dress rehearsal the middle of July. She plans to have a float in the parade w/flyers about the show . Tickets will be sold at the door.

Becky will work on a sign-up sheet for workers for both the games and Talent Show.

OLD BUSINESS

Ed Heator reported that an insurance agent he knows from Okemos is willing to meet with Chamber members to discuss the Health insurance options which he has available. We agreed to have him come to our September meeting to meet with all interested members.

Becky Ramage reported that 5 members had helped the College by parking cars at the College graduation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mandi reported that there has been 391 “hits” on our website. She has one group interested in attaching their website to ours (Wee Ones)

Ed Heator suggested we try to place several hundred of our directories at the Admissions Office so that they could be handed to parents who are here to take tours with their kids.

Ed Heator also suggested that the Chamber try to come up with a “billboard type” idea to promote our businesses near the I69 exits, ie utilize a private individuals property to place signs on.

Meeting adjourned.

Members present: Becky Ramage
 Cindy Waun
 Becky Southern
 Ed Heator
 Gail Duncan
 Mandi Persons
 Jennifer Elliott
 Peggy Schnepf

OLIVET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Finances

6-6-06 - 7-11-06

Income

Dues	225.00
TOTAL INCOME	225.00

Expenses

Replacement of damages tables-Community Center	296.17
Fun Services-Deposit on inflatable games- <i>Firemens Fest</i>	50.00
Heartland Hospice-Duncan Memorial	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	371.17

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$5,984.75
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$5,838.58