

**Minutes
Olivet Community Chamber of Commerce
March 7, 2006**

Meeting was called to order by President Becky Ramage.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising-Nothing to report.

Publicity-Gail and Becky are hoping to get the next newsletter out by 4-1-06. It will include the renewal membership form/letter. Our goal is to get membership renewals in by the first of May.

Community Center-Frank and Karen reported that there had been a problem with a recent rental to a college group. Four tables and some chairs were damaged and the room was left a mess. Frank was left with the cleanup the following day when another group was scheduled. He enlisted the help of one of the individuals renting the next day in exchange for reducing their rental fee.

A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Larry to send the college group advisor a bill for the damages to tables and chairs and one-half of the rental fee which was lost from the next scheduled group (\$37.50). It was also agreed to give Frank the \$75.00 security deposit forfeited by the college group for his work cleaning up.

We also restated the policy that Frank and Karen Brownell are in charge of Community Center rentals. No one else shall be allowed to schedule or notify others of changes to the schedule of rentals at the Community Center.

We discussed Dr Bean's closing of his practice and how this might affect the Comm Center. Becky will contact Oaklawn Hospital to see if there will be any changes.

Membership-No report

By-Laws- No report

Olivet College News-Graduation this year will be Saturday, 5/20/06.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion concerning the Dave Campbell "Save Christmas" situation was revisited. It was agreed that Becky would send Mr. Campbell a letter thanking him for his concerns and letting him know that we would forward his concerns to chamber members through our upcoming newsletter.

We also had discussion about renaming the "Holiday Tree Lighting" to "Christmas Tree Lighting". Mandi made a motion that was seconded by Ben and subsequently approved to make this change

Gail reported on her research into group health insurance options for chamber members. The Charlotte Chamber purchases coverage thru the Lansing Chamber and Marshall members purchase coverage thru the Battle Creek Chamber. There are not a lot of options available. However, if she had a firm number of interested participants she could pursue it further.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations were made for the following positions: President- Becky Ramage
Secretary- No nomination
Trustee-Becky Southern

Voting will take place at the April meeting.

Larry Marsh made mention of the calendar that Mandi has added to our website and suggest we all check it out. Mandi will be able to add community events as they come up.

Mandi circulated a form that she would like all members to complete to provide her information when highlighting individual businesses both on the website and in featured articles in the newsletter. It was decided that this form would be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Mandi also mentioned that she would like to have the Chamber purchase an "Adobe Reader" to make it easier to add forms to the website. She did some research and was told that we might be able to purchase this software thru the City at a reduced cost. Larry will check with City Hall to see if this is possible.

Meeting adjourned.

Members present: Becky Ramage
 Cindy Waun
 Gail Duncan
 Mandi Persons
 Ben Hart
 Larry Marsh
 Frank Brownell
 Karen Brownell
 Glenda Kling
 Carl Weaver
 Becky Southern
 Marty Jennings
 Linda Swift
 Doug Swift
 Jeff Wills
 Gary Peterson
 Janet DeGroot

OLIVET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Finances

3-7-06 - 4-4-06

Income

No Income to report

Expenses

No Expenses to report

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$4,907.42
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$4,907.42