

Olivet Community Chamber of Commerce

February 5, 2008 meeting

A regular meeting of the Olivet Community Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Vice-President, Ed Heator, at 6:05 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 5, 2008** in the Community Center.

Present were: Vice-President Ed Heator; Secretary, Gail Duncan; Treasurer, Cindy Waun; members Paula Bashore, Jennifer Elliott, Ben Hart, Glenda Kling, Larry Marsh, Peggy Schnepf, Becky Southern and guests Kelly Parker and Dianne Thomas.

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

Dianne Thomas circulated handouts and detailed upcoming events and programs being offered this spring for the community. She stressed that many seem to think activities are solely for the students, but numerous are available to the entire community.

Kelly Parker gave information about an "art hop." April or October seems to be optimal times to hold this activity; which was described as artists setting up artwork in local businesses on a specific evening for a few hours, drawing in people to each store that's participating. She said she would return to the meeting next month to possibly appoint a committee, and check some dates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications/Publicity –

Ed mentioned he would like info for the next newsletter by March 1st, and information could be given directly to Brian Vicary. Also mentioned sending nomination forms in the newsletter. The membership drive is held in May, so Gail will contact Linda Henry regarding the letter that has been used in the past.

Fundraising –

Becky Southern discussed the judges for the chili cook-off to be held during the Cabin Fever Blues Fest, as well as judges for beards. Regarding the upcoming talent show, there will be separate categories as far as dancers, singers, etc. Will not be soliciting businesses for money for prizes this year; it was decided that the Chamber should pay for this. A change in location was also discussed, in an effort to accommodate more people, as well as an increase in the admission price to \$3.00. The possibility of a "Battle of the Bands" to be held the Friday night before Firemen's Fest was mentioned, and whether or not this could be an additional talent show event.

Ben Hart made the motion to approve Becky Southern's spending as much as needed (up to \$765.00) for related costs, support from Peggy Schnepf. Motion carried.

Paula Bashore reported that the giftwrapping activity netted \$125.00 for approximately 7 hours. It was held on December 18th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and five volunteers participated and said they would be willing to do it again. Paula said she would check sooner this year—perhaps in the summer—about the possibility of getting a better date.

Membership –

No report, as subject matter was covered in other committee reports.

- College – All college construction was reported to be on-schedule. Further ideas for the property on the corner of Butterfield and Main St. were discussed.
- Community Center – It was reported that the hardware store is slated to close in March, which means an alternative location to sign up to rent the Community Center is needed. It was also mentioned that cleaning should not be affected, as that is the responsibility of the renter.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the Cabin Fever Blues Fest, Paula Bashore reported that flyers were sent home via students in Friday folders. Also—two adults and two kids have signed up to participate in the chili contest, and one beard contestant so far. The plan is that something would be in the newspaper this weekend. The need for prize money was also discussed, as well as the money to pay for hot cocoa (will not be doing hot dogs this year). Larry Marsh moved to allow \$1,000.00 towards activities for Cabin Fever Blues Fest, since there is to be no charge to attendees for food or activities. Seconded by Becky Southern. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations are to be taken at the March meeting for the positions of president, secretary and one of the trustee positions (the one currently held by Becky Southern). Voting on these positions is to be held in April, and positions are effective in May.

Options were discussed as to whether to send President Becky Ramage a gift to acknowledge her illness and absence from the Chamber, and what to send. It was decided that Cindy Waun and Glenda Kling would assemble a gift basket.

Next meeting is March 4, 2008.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Schnepf gave details of the "Senior Sendoff." Larry Marsh moved we spend \$150.00 on this activity, with support from Ben Hart. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Duncan, Secretary

OLIVET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Finances

11-6-07 to 2-5-08

Income

Dues	60.00
Community Center Rental Fees	675.00
Gift Wrapping Receipts	125.00
Parking Receipts	342.50
Redeposit til	<u>200.00</u>
 TOTAL INCOME	 1,402.50

Expenses

The County Journal-Cabin Fever Ad	35.00
Allegra-Printing Newsletters	27.30
Postage-Newsletters	57.82
National Crime Prevention-Halloween Bags	366.75
Olivet Community Schools-Cookies for Tree Lighting	60.00
Donation-Olivet Good Neighbor Program	100.00
Olivet Hardware-Supplies for Community Center	75.55
Oaklawn Hospital-Community Center-Jan-March	<u>150.00</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 872.42

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$6,933.80
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$7,463.88