

# Olivet Community Chamber of Commerce

## September 4, 2007 meeting

A regular meeting of the Olivet Community Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President, Becky Ramage, preceded by introductions, at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 in the Community Center.

Present were: President, Becky Ramage; Secretary, Gail Duncan; Treasurer, Cindy Waun; members Paula Bashore, Janet DeGroot, Jennifer Elliott, Glenda Kling, Larry Marsh, Jason Meadows, Gary Peterson, Shirley Peterson, Becky Southern, Ponja Vahs, Richard Vahs, and guest Wendy Murray.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Publicity – Becky Ramage reported that Ed Heator plans to do a newsletter every other month. Should be a newsletter going out discussing the upcoming Night on the Town.
- Fundraising – Thanks to Becky Southern for handling the talent show again this year. Winners were identified. Decisions for next year were discussed; such as possibly breaking down according to categories, for the purpose of prizes. The possibility of increasing the admission price to \$3.00 per person was discussed, as well as maybe changing the location as well. A committee may be established at some point. It was decided that the pasta dinner and auction will not be held this year, due to wrong timing.
- Membership – no report
- College – Jason Meadows stated that the Homecoming Parade will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. with the game being at 2:00 p.m. He wondered if the Chamber would be interested in doing a float. He also reported that the students will be back on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Becky Ramage said that, according to Olivet College President Don Tuski, the college is interested in having a fast food business in town, possibly a Taco Bell. He wondered if any business persons would be willing to invest in something like this. Possible locations were discussed. Conversation followed regarding the two exits off of I-69, with nothing near them. Mayor Gary Peterson discussed the problems of running sewers out there.
- Community Center – some rentals are scheduled, but seems to be down just a bit.

### OLD BUSINESS

Becky Ramage reported that the Chamber logo has been e-mailed to Carrie at Allegra Printing, for the purpose of stickers advertising Chamber membership. There is no draft as of yet.

Regarding the Directory, the draft was reported to be in. The print is smaller, and the Directory is at capacity for this format. It was circulated for typos, etc.

A Chamber social event is in the works, perhaps during the Christmas season.

The upcoming Night on the Town was discussed. Fun Services will be providing the frames and they have a number of them on hold, and will deliver them earlier in the day on August 27<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, there will be a limit of two prizes per business, for time purposes. It was mentioned that Jason will have a basketball hoop set up at Independent Bank, and Becky Ramage suggested something "more" for students to do, in the form of contests and/or games.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On the subject of t-shirts, someone from the Lions Club suggested t-shirts with ads on the back. One hundred fifty shirts cost \$2,000.00, so cheaper options were discussed.

Ads in the County Journal were discussed. Initially it will be a full page ad, with half page ads thereafter. The first one should be coming out shortly.

Janet DeGroot detailed activities to be held at Pine Lake on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The college parking schedule was circulated.

After discussion regarding the playground, Glenda Kling moved that we donate the money to purchase the Wiggle Bridge for \$1,150.00, seconded by Shirley Peterson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Duncan, Secretary