

# **Olivet Community Chamber of Commerce**

## **November 6, 2007 meeting**

A regular meeting of the Olivet Community Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President, Becky Ramage, preceded by a potluck dinner, at 6:40 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 6, 2007** in the Community Center.

Present were: President, Becky Ramage; Vice-President Ed Heator; Secretary, Gail Duncan; Treasurer, Cindy Waun; members Paula Bashore, Jennifer Elliott, Ben Hart, Glenda Kling, Beth Page, Mandi Persons, Peggy Schnepp, Becky Southern, Don Tuski, Ponja Vahs and Richard Vahs.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Communications/Publicity –** The directory is still being distributed. Chamber window stickers are being distributed as well.
- Fundraising –** Becky Southern reported that the cake raffle held on October 13<sup>th</sup> made considerably more money than last year. Attendance in general was down, but the raffle was successful otherwise. Regarding gift-wrapping at Barnes & Noble in the Lansing Mall, December 18<sup>th</sup> was thought to be a possibility. Discussion followed on where wrapping paper is to come from, logistics, etc. Ben Hart made a motion to buy paper and ribbon from Glenda, support from Mandi Persons. Motion carried. There was a reminder that the pasta dinner and silent auction was canceled.
- Membership –** Membership stands at 75 members.
- College –** Don Tuski reported that the money to purchase the Total gas station has been donated. There are currently no plans for the property. The possibility of a Taco Bell or a locally-owned Mexican restaurant were discussed. Environmental testing is to be done on the property, and the new owners are not liable. Glenda Kling mentioned the need for a laundromat. A strategic plan that was done about 5 – 10 years ago was brought up. Since the college optimally could grow to 1200 – 1250 students, Mr. Tuski wondered if this plan was still valid, and if so, could college activities tie into the plan?
- Community Center –** it was reported that the carpet was recently cleaned. Next to pursue is the problem with the heat.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The names of volunteers helping at the last Olivet College football game parking duty were read. Income to date stands at around \$1,500.00. Receipts for the previous year were just over \$2,000.00. It was reported that "handicapped" signs were donated by the City.

The tree lighting is to be held on Saturday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. The Chamber is handling the publicity, cookies and hot chocolate. The status of Santa Claus was still undetermined. The tree is to be set up a week beforehand. Donations to be solicited for cookies, and Chartwell's is expected to donate hot chocolate again. Becky Ramage said she would contact them.

Paula Bashore reported that the Cabin Fever Blues Fest will be held the third Saturday in February (the 16<sup>th</sup>), as there are activities planned for every other weekend.

Regarding businesses running potentially running ads in the Chamber newsletter, there was one request to place an article highlighting a particular business. It was decided that the Chamber would allow that.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Different ideas for fundraisers were discussed, one idea being a raffle.

Mandi Persons mentioned the need for the Chamber to file for non-profit status.

Becky Ramage reported that she was invited to participate on the Facility Planning Committee. The purpose of this committee was explained by Beth Page. Information is to be coming out in the Oakum, and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Becky Southern announced that there was to be another playground meeting the following evening.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,402.50</b>

**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>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>872.42</b>

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