

Chamber of Commerce in Culver
Board of Directors' Meeting – August 28, 2007

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver met at the Culver Coffee Co. with Greg Fassett, Ralph Winters, Scott Huberty, Judi Dodge, Rick Tompos and Jack Cunningham in attendance. Bobbie Ruhnow, executive secretary was also present. Fassett, vice president, opened the meeting at 7:45 AM.

Second Century Committee

Cunningham, president of SCC, presented changes in SCC by-laws as approved by the SCC steering committee. Changes include: 1. Proper name of Chamber included. 2. Note that group is a 501C6 entity. 3. Eliminate Section 1, Article 4, wording that requires a \$100 initial deposit as a membership fee and 4. Create a separate treasurer for SCC who will be a voting member of that committee. Also, the Marshall County Community Foundation will be the sole bank for the group.

Winters asked how the SCC would pay for miscellaneous expenses. Schaller said that MCCF would issue checks and do it in a timely fashion. To date, few checks have been required. SCC funds are considered restricted and not subject to a \$5,000 minimum requirement.

Winters made the motion to approve the changes requested seconded by Schaller and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Schaller presented the treasurer's report and noted that although we were still in a positive cash balance, shortfalls in projected budget might require a transfer of funds from MCCF for the remainder of the year. A fundraiser-projected sum of \$2,500 was not realized and there was an approximate \$1,000 shortfall in dues receipts.

There has not been a statement from MCCF and so the interest accrued is uncertain. Schaller did note that the recent drop in the stock market has probably impacted earnings.

There will be increased disbursements in October for the newsletter and in September for the insurance payment.

Other Business

Fassett reported that the Culver Kiwanis is going to sponsor a car raffle for next year and will be looking for partners. Directors agreed that the Chamber should notify Kiwanis of our interest in participating. A motion by Huberty to partner with Kiwanis was seconded by Tompos and approved.

The need to explore avenues for increasing revenue was discussed. Tompos said it was important to identify a project and dedicate funds toward the goal. The purpose of the Chamber isn't to accumulate money in MCCF he noted.

Cunningham said that SCC will be looking to complete further projects and in doing so, will turn to other organizations for assistance.

Dodge suggested organizing a meeting with local service organizations to discuss projects needed in the community. Fassett will set a time and date to meet with interested groups.

Tompos said that SCC is preparing a report on accomplishments for the 10-year anniversary of the charrette. An 8-page pamphlet is being prepared and articles will be published in the local paper. Handouts will be available for local businesses. Dodge suggested an article be inserted in the next Destination Culver.

The Farmers Market is doing well with a total to date of \$840. Interest remains active with vendors and customers. The tent was damaged slightly through the recent storm, but has been repaired. Tompos reported that Jane King of the Culver Academies has agreed to make necessary repairs to the tent and an item to that effect should be included in the 2008 budget.

The Publicity committee is accumulating items for a welcome packet for new businesses and new residents. Several items are still needed to complete the list developed including a list of local churches. A letter to businesses asking if they are interested in including information about the business, gifts or coupons as part of the welcome packet. There is also a cover letter for the packet, both developed by Fassett. Ruhnow submitted a list of service organizations and local government groups. Dodge will prepare utilities and emergency services information. Dawn Minas is preparing a brochure on the Chamber and Tompos is assembling information on the Academies and has secured local telephone books.

A brief discussion on the Portside Marine possible move to Fulton County was held. Ruhnow discussed her decision on the variance request and noted there was no input from a representative of the Chamber at either variance hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 AM.

Bobetta Ruhnow
Executive Secretary