

Chamber of Commerce in Culver Board of Directors – January 29,2008

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver met at the Culver Coffee Company at 7:30 AM, January 29,2008. Present were: Greg Fassett, Scott Huberty, Ben Schaller, Rick Tompos and Ron May. Bobbie Ruhnow was also in attendance.

In the absence of Mike Stallings, president, Fassett, vice-president, opened the meeting with a welcome to the newest board member, Dr. May. Fassett said he had contacted Judi Dodge to invite her to continue as a past president for another year, but Dodge had not confirmed the invitation. Noted that the board is complete with nine members accepting.

Old Business

Fassett reported that the Awards dinner held at the Marmont Grill was well attended.

The Welcome Packet is complete, Tompos reported. A letter will be sent to all businesses giving them an opportunity to participate in the packet with a gift certificate, business cards, discount coupons, etc. The deadline for a response from the merchants will be February 15, 2008.

New Business

The secretary gave a list of meeting and dinner dates for 2008, membership list, and listing for board of directors to each member.

A discussion was held about changing the dinner meeting night to insure there would be no conflicts with town council or school board. The first Monday of the month was suggested, but the decision was tabled until it was determined what Dawn Minas has scheduled for upcoming meetings. Minas handles all arrangements for dinner meetings.

There has been no contact made concerning the Top Ten dinner, traditionally held in April. It is uncertain if the Culver Cove will be available and if not, alternate facilities will have to be found. Dr. May said Ancilla will again be a sponsor of the banquet.

Schaller noted the cost overrun of last years' Top Ten banquet. The total cost of \$2,666 was due in part to a shortfall in revenue from the amount paid by attendees and an additional unanticipated charge from the Cove. The cost was offset with contributions from sponsors Ancilla College, Coca Cola of Plymouth and Millers Merry Manor. The Culver Kiwanis, as co-host of the event, paid one-half of the outstanding amounts.

Huberty suggested a possible intern program with a high school and/or a college student being invited to attend meetings and encouraged to give input. A letter from Stallings outlining a new type of individual Chamber memberships was read. Copies will be brought to the next board meeting for directors' use in soliciting this new membership opportunity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Bobbie Ruhnow, Secretary