

Minutes

from

Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009

- Board Members in Attendance:
 - Pat O'Brien
 - Bill Cathcart
 - Jim Joven
 - Jim Masur
 - Phil Terry
 - David Ring
 - Nate Blume
 - Jim Huguenard
 - Jason Kieninger

- Chamber Employees Present
 - Sandi Ballard
 - Kyla Hurst
 - Darlene Owens

- Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Pat O'Brien.

- Board Members saw the office renovations. All present were impressed with how the office looks.

- Jim Huguenard gave the Secretary's Report from the April 21, 2009 Board Meeting
 - No changes to the minutes were stated by the attending board members.
 - A Quorum was present. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published. Motion was seconded and approved.

- Jason Kieninger gave the Financial Report
 - Some questions arising from the financial reports Jason distributed were asked and answered
 - No changes to the Financial Report were stated by the attending board members
 - A Quorum was present. A motion was made to accept the Financial Report as published. Motion was seconded and approved.

- Council Reports were given by Jim Joven
 - Jim asked for a board member to step up and take the chair position for the Opportunities Council

 - Jim Masur gave the Advocacy Council report
 - Paula Patrick has resigned from the Advocacy Council

 - Jim Announced the Race to the Lake event, possibly sponsored by Meyer Najem, on May 27, 2009 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Indian Lake Country Club. There will be 5 one week memberships to Indian Lake given away at the event. You must be present to win the temporary memberships.

 - Bill Cathcart gave the Connections Council Report
 - The Chamber Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, June 18. 10:00 am is registration; 11:00 am will be the shotgun start.

 - There is still a need for sponsors for the outing

 - Jim Joven gave the Information Council Report
 - Darlene will work on the eTapestry Database of chamber members

 - A discussion was held on keeping past chamber members in the communication loop to entice them to return as members
 - It was decided to send the past members the monthly e-newsletter as a way to keep the lines of communication open and hopefully win their membership back.

- Opportunities Council
 - Nate Blume gave a report from the Salute to Teachers event held on May 7, 2009 at the Garrison on Fort Harrison
 - The event for next year may include teachers from the charter and private schools in Lawrence and not just the public schools
- Jim Joven announced for the upcoming elections in October that there are seven (7) positions of the board up for renewal. These positions could also be filled with new members
- Sandi Ballard gave the President's Report
 - Sandi gave special thanks to Phil Terry and Monarch Beverage for supplying the chamber office with a brand new laptop computer
 - Sandi summarized the meetings and events she has attended since the last board meeting.
 - Upcoming chamber events and their respective dates were stated.
 - Sandi stated two (2) new businesses have asked to join the chamber. She asked the board to vote on accepting these new members.
 - Horning Roofing
 - Partnership for Lawrence
 - A Quorum was present. A motion was made to accept the new members. The motion was seconded and carried.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Huguenard
Board Secretary