

Vicksburg Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
June 8, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by President, Gary Gray. Meeting held at Main Street Pub in Vicksburg.

Roll Call: Gary Gray, Dustin Morton, Karen Coy, Kim Smith, Dave Downs, Joel Nelson, Joanne Craddock, Bob Donelson and Executive Director Jennie Holmes.

Not present- Lee Mortimer.

Minutes: Approved minutes from May meeting.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Summary given by Jennie Holmes. We are still waiting for two sponsor payments from the Ice Festival.

Marketing Report – Joanne reported the increase in telephone calls and e-mails with the upcoming events.

Membership Report – Approved new members: Sculptures- Cothelia Cowles, Life Story Funeral Home- Steve McCowen and Vicksburg Hardware- Steve Schimp

Events Report – Jennie discussed Arts in the Park. Attendance is low so far but we're working on that. Lee, Kim and Jennie are the committee working on the Hop & Shop scheduled for August 21st (art evening).

Economic Growth – no new report

Executive Director Report- Jennie reported that Village Photography has moved to the old Commercial Express location, Tanya's Totes has moved into the old Village Photography location, and Yankee Antiques is now in the old Loose Goose location by the car wash. The Fall Festival is a go for the Historical Society – it will be October 10th from 10 am to 10 pm. Details are still being ironed out.

Old Business:

The phone change over has begun. Joanne asked Board Members to call and listen to the recording. The full change should be effective in the next 2 weeks or so as we had to move our existing phone number over.

Jennie reported that the intern we were going to use for the map project has apparently declined since he has not returned her phone calls. She relisted the posting, but we may not have luck since it is late now.

New Business:

It was discussed that the Board take a month off from meetings. Our bylaws now allow this. Motion by Joanne, seconded by Kim to not hold a July meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Jennie will be on vacation next week June 14 through 21st.

MOVED TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 6:27 PM

Gary Gray welcomed all members and mentioned new members for 2009. All members present were asked to introduce themselves.

Lisa Friend gave a brief presentation on her Conquer Chiari Walk Across America being held September 26, 2009 at the Vicksburg Trailway. Lisa is looking to increase awareness of this serious neurological condition. She is looking for sponsors and/or walkers. Lisa can be reached at 317-5487.

Gregg Eicholtz, Financial Services Associate from Prudential, gave an Overview of Financial Planning Strategies for the Small Business Owner. He is also having a special speaker at their office on June 23rd. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Gregg at 327-0720.

Jennie Holmes announced the remaining Arts in the Park events to the group and asked everyone present to take a poster to display in their business and help spread the word.

Scott Oswalt was asked to educate us on the products Oswalt Livestock Enterprises has to offer. Scott gave a brief overview.

Joanne Craddock mentioned our September meeting will be the Annual Meeting. Anyone interested in being involved on the board, please contact Gary or Joanne.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm. Thank you to all who attended.