

**Vicksburg Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes**  
**August 10, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 6:03 by Vice President, Dustin Morton. Meeting held at Main Street Pub in Vicksburg.

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

Not present- Gary Gray, Lee Mortimer and Bob Donelson.

Also present- Gregg Eicholtz and Steve McCowen

Scheduled Appearances: Sue Moore, President of the Vicksburg Historical Society, was present. She told us the Historical Society was presenting the life and times of Dr. Homer Stryker Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 pm in the Strong School House. The public is welcome. Sue also made us aware of the Historical Society Harvest Festival to be held October 10, 2009 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. It will be a free event and they are estimating/hoping for 500 attendees. She gave a brief overview of the days events and sponsorship opportunities will be available. Jackie Lawrence will be contacting us in the future regarding sponsorship.

Minutes: Approved minutes from June meeting.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – No report given.

Marketing Report – No report.

Membership Report – Approved new members: Around & Around LLC, H&R Block, Rawlinson's Appliance and Tanya's Totes

Events Report – Jennie reported that the last concert was held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. That particular one was one of the better attended. The committee will want to discuss whether or not to continue next year or what changes need to be made. Jennie is finishing up the Hop and Shop details. Joanne is working on the Annual meeting details.

Economic Growth – Jennie reported that A & O Mold in Vicksburg requested and received a Village tax abatement at the last Village meeting.

Executive Director Report- most of Jennie's time has been spent on the Concerts in the Park and Hop & Shop details.

Old Business:

The phone change over did not work. Evoice receptionist was not able to transfer our existing phone number, so that service was cancelled and there were no charges. We will investigate the Vonage option again and a landline option at the Depot Museum if necessary.

The intern did not work out for the map project. Joanne and Jennie will pick it back up.

Hop and Shop- Jennie gave details of businesses and artists involved. The event is August 21 from 5-9 pm with 15 businesses/artists involved. Attendees would stop in Oswalt Park first to get a list of businesses and get entered for the drawings.

New logo/letterhead- Jennie showed us the new letterhead and her business cards. It has a more modern streamline look.

New Business:

Joanne presented the nominees for the three board positions up this fall. Candidates are Joel Nelson (returning), Gregg Eicholtz from Prudential Financial, and Steve McCowen from Life Story Funeral Home. The Annual meeting will be held Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at the Community Center. We will have some type of snacks

from Good to Go Café. And we are looking for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year nominations. Please give nominations to Joanne.

Communiversy Night- Tonya Nash from the Vicksburg Community Ed department contacted Jennie about becoming involved in a Communiversy night on September 18, 2009. They did not have any details yet. We will be happy to be involved if the VCE plans the event and can provide us with details.

Member to Member Discounts- Jennie would like to really promote this again. We currently have some businesses offering discounts. We will try to send out a letter with the Annual Meeting invites asking the membership if they would like to offer a discount. The official list would be given at the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:06 pm.

*Submitted by Joanne Craddock, Secretary*

Note: 9/11/09 requested e-mail vote on:

1. Cancelling 9/14/09 meeting due to annual meeting later in the month.

2. Approve new members:

Vicksburg Education Association, Bulldog Repair Service, BrioLife Photography, Vicksburg Antique Mall, and Representative Tonya Schuitmaker

Motions approved.