
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

March 6, 2008

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on March 6, 2008, at Smokehouse Café & Grill. Board of Directors present were; Diana Busby, Vicky Knapic, Mary Hixson, Karen Younce, and Gwen Warner. Absent were Bryant Anderson, Mary Thomas, J.D. Hays, Ron Poor and Lori Allen. Also present was Jean Barber.

President Diana Busby called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. No official action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Municipal Hall Committee Report** – J.D. Hays was unable to attend the meeting but he sent the following info. The Municipal Hall Committee will have a concert in May featuring *The Sounds of Music*, a group that plays Big Band music. In October they'll present *Ronald and Avis Romm* in concert. There will be a Master's Class that morning for area music students starting at about 10 a.m. and a two-hour concert at 7 p.m. that evening. Hopefully there will be enough participation from area schools to have a mini concert that afternoon for the students to show off.
- **Sunflower Balloon Festsm** – Jean Barber reported that she had been personally contacting sponsors for sponsorships. She reported also that we will have a commercial pilot, Shannon Daniel, who will be doing an air show. He has a red Skybolt 200 stunt plane. The parade is coming along very well with Donna Crowe as chairman. The Chaparral High School band will be marching in full uniform, the firefighters from New York and the balloonists will be parading. We are also hoping to have a fly-over Main Street by our stunt plane pilot just before the parade. Lineup for the parade will be from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Jean has contacted the 12' tall blow-up from Caldwell and he will also be a special highlight. Knapic Chiropractic will be sponsoring the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest again this year. Many activities are still in the works.
- **Retail Meeting** – Diana reminded those present that the next retail meetings are scheduled for March 11 & March 18 at the Chamber office at 8:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Committee Appointments** – The board reviewed the committee appointments. If you know of anyone wishing to volunteer for any committee they should contact president Diana Busby or Gwen at the Chamber office.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Manufacturing Skills Certification Initiative** – The board reviewed the Manufacturing Skills Certification Initiative which is specifically serving the *non-college bound high school student* who is interested in gaining rewarding employment after graduating high school. The Manufacturing Skills Certification

Initiative is also targeting the non-university bound high school student who wants to attend a technical school for specific training in a manufacturing field. The one-year course will be available to junior or senior high school students for high school credit.

2. **Approve New Members** – New members to approve at next meeting include: Dugan’s Diner (Cori Patterson), Wheatland Inn (Minesh Bhakta) and Lia Sophia Jewelry (Vicky Knapic).
3. **Chaparral High School Manufacturing Team Request** – The 07-08 Chaparral High School Manufacturing Team is requesting suggestions or ideas from the local businesses. They would like ideas on projects that would benefit the community as well as be profitable to the manufacturing team. If you have suggestions you can contact them at the school through phone or e-mail. (620-842-5155) or matth@usd361.org. (Matthew Hartman).
4. **The 8 Wonders of Anthony**– The 8 Wonders of Kansas were revealed on Kansas Day (January 29). Gwen asked the board if they would be interested in forming a committee and discovering the 8 Wonders of Anthony. These elements include architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history and people. By doing this it helps the community identify who they are and what they have. This idea was tabled until next meeting.
5. **Interfaith Housing Golf Marathon**- Interfaith Housing is holding their 14th Annual 100 Golf Marathon on Monday April 21st at the Cottonwood Hills Golf Club. This is their largest fundraising event. Sponsorships were requested as well as golfers are welcome to come out and play.
6. **Review February Financial** – The board reviewed the February financial.
7. **Harper County Centennial Meeting** - Diana Busby requested information on food vendors that might be available during the Centennial Celebration. Gwen will give Cheryl Adlehardt the vendor list the Chamber uses.
8. **Kansas Business Appreciation Awards** – Nominations for the Business Awards are due by April 4, 2008 at 5 p.m. Nominations may be made online at www.kansascommerce.com, fax 785-296-3665 or by mail to the Kansas Department of Commerce.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ✓ Vicky Knapic announced that she has a very good video of the Anthony Races. She will make a copy so we can give it out when recruiting residents and businesses. The date for the races this year are; July 11-13 and July 18-20.
- ✓ Vicky Knapic recommended that we consider sponsoring a golf tournament. Suggestions included a frostbite open, crazy golf and glo in dark tourney. Vicky and Justin Knapic and Mary Hixson volunteered to help with this promo. They will check when the next Golf Club meeting is to discuss it with them.
- ✓ Symphony In The Flint Hills will be held on June 14. www.symphonyintheflinthills.org.
- ✓ **Your Face in Print!** Kansas Travel & Tourism is searching for photos from the 70's. They are specifically interested in children (now in their 30's) in a quintessential Kansas setting ie: field of sunflowers, Kansas welcome sign or an

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easily identifiable venue in the background. Contact Kelli Hilliard at khilliard@kansascommerce.com if you have a contribution to make.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ The next Chamber meeting is March 20, 2008 at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club at noon
- ❑ Sunflowersm Balloon Fest is May 9-10-11, 2008
- ❑ The Anthony Downs Horse & Dog Races are July 11-13 and July 18-20, 2008
- ❑ The Harper County Courthouse Centennial is November 8, 2008