
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

March 20, 2008

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on March 20, 2008, at Smokehouse Café & Grill. Board of Directors present were; Diana Busby, Bryant Anderson, Mary Hixson, Karen Younce, Ron Poor, J.D. Hays and Gwen Warner. Absent were Mary Thomas, Vicky Knapic and Lori Allen.

President Diana Busby called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. A motion was made by Karen Younce, seconded by Mary Hixson to approve the March 6, 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❑ **Municipal Hall Committee Report** – J.D. Hays reported that a benefit dance for the **“Fallen Heroes Fund”** would be held Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 8 to midnight. Music will be by **The Legends. The Sounds of Music**, the big band will be here on August 30. Ronald and Avis Romm will present a concert in October.
- ❑ **Sunflower Balloon Festsm** – Gwen Warner reported that we would have ads and articles coming out in the **Kansas/Nebraska Travel & Recreation Directory** at no charge to the committee. The Sunflowersm Balloon Fest will also be featured in the **Wichita Magazine** in May. We are also working with the FAA to get a waiver so we can have an aerobatic air show. The air show will be sponsored and funded by Brandon Hazel of **State Farm Insurance** and our balloon meister, Wil La Pointe, **Skyway Balloons, Inc.**
- ❑ **Retail Meeting** – The retail committee met March 18. They made a decision to have a **Lucky Lady Bug** promotion in April and a **Scratch & Win** promo for their May promotion. On the Scratch and Win promo each card will have the possibility of winning \$5,000.

OLD BUSINESS

- **There was no old business.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Anthony Theater** – John Gaffney reported on the progress in acquiring the Anthony Theater. The Preservation and Tourism Alliance is working with the Sunflower R C & D on this project. The owner of the theater and the owner of the property west of the theater, have reached an option agreement to purchase the property for \$42,000. The group has met with the City of Anthony to see in what way they could help with this project. The initial cost above the \$42,000 will be approximately \$25,000 - \$35,000 to get a company experienced in theater rehabilitation to take a look at it and design a rehabilitation plan. Plans are to restore it to its original condition.

2. **Manufacturing Skills Certification Initiative** - The board discussed the Manufacturing Skills Certification Initiative, which was presented at the last meeting.
3. **Approve New Members** –A motion was made by Bryant Anderson, seconded by J.D. Hays to approve: Dugan’s Diner (Cori Patterson), Wheatland Inn (Minesh Bhakta) and Lia Sophia Jewelry (Vicky Knapic) as new members. Motion carried.
4. **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).
5. **The 8 Wonders of Anthony**– The 8 Wonders of Kansas were revealed on Kansas Day (January 29). Gwen asked the board (this was discussed last meeting also) 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. J.D. Hays offered (after some arm twisting) to help us get this started by revealing it in his *From Under The Hood* column in the Anthony Republican.
6. **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.
7. **Review February Financial** – The board reviewed the February financial.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Diana Busby reminded Gwen that she was to get a food vendor list to Cheryl Adlehardt.

BUSINESS CLIMATE REPORT

Bryant Anderson updated the board on the Strategic Planning Goals for the **Anthony Medical Center**. If anyone has questions they are welcome to attend one of the community coffees. Invitations have been issued to people to call in and times and locations will be set up for their convenience. They will be at the Kiwanis and Lions Club on April 2 & 3 and a Wellness Center night to be announced. Otherwise informal informational sessions will be held in various homes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Chamber meeting is April 3, 2008 at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club at noon
- The Anthony Medical Center Health Fair is April 30, 2008.
- 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