
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

July 17, 2008

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on July 17, 2008, at Smokehouse Café & Grill. Board of Directors present was Diana Busby, Bryant Anderson, J.D. Hays, Lori Allen, Karen Younce, Vicky Knapic, Ron Poor, Mary Hixson and Gwen Warner. Absent was Mary Thomas. Also present was Mike and Kim Fergason, Sandra Gates and Jean Barber.

President Diana Busby called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. A motion was made by J.D. Hays, seconded by Vicky Knapic, to approve the June 19, 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❑ **Municipal Hall Events Board Report** – J.D. Hays reported that the committee has cancelled the *Sounds of Music*, which was scheduled for August 30 due to the lack of funding. The concert in October is still on and they are also working on the *Ball In The Hall* to be held in December.
 - ❑ **Harper County 4th of July** – Mary Hixson reported that the button sales went better than in previous years. Next year we hope to be able to work with the *Newberry Family Auto* again.
 - ❑ **Chamber Fundraising Committee** – Vicky Knapic reported that after much discussion the Fundraising Committee decided that with the board's approval they would like to have a Washers Tournament. The tournament would be held in the Memorial Park on October 4th during the October Fest and Anthony for the Arts. The board gave their approval for the committee to proceed.
 - ❑ **Outreach Task Force** – Vicky Knapic presented an idea that would help the businesses bring additional income to their stores. She suggested setting up seminars or classes for the business people to help them set up a web site to begin selling their products on-line. She knows of someone who would be willing to be available for support for three to six months to help them get started.
 - ❑ **Anthony For The Arts (October 4)** – Diana Busby, *Anthony for the Arts* chairman, reported that Sam Beam has sent letters to about 15 – 20 people telling them about *Anthony for the Arts*. They plan to set up on the streets unless it is raining. In that case they will use the back room at the Christian Book Store. Dick Busby will be in charge of the music and the Congregational Church will have their Annual German Fest. The music in the morning will be children from all over Harper County performing a piano recital at the Municipal Hall. In the afternoon a musical is planned that is still in the works. Bob Tedder is getting together a little melodrama and it will take place in the Anthony Theater if the Theater is ready by that time. The DVD's produced by the Chaparral students will also be available for viewing. Jean Barber recommended that we ask the dance students to perform on that day also.
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OLD BUSINESS

- **Review May & June Financial** – The Board reviewed and approved the May and June Financials.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Approve New Member** – A motion was made by Vicky Knapic, seconded by J.D. Hays to approve Genii Enterprises (Joanne Pray) as a new member. Motion Carried.
- 2) **Candidates for County Commissioner** – Mike Ferguson, county commissioner, updated the board on the redistricting and how it affects his candidacy. Mike feels that the time has come to start consolidating more services, in particular road and bridge, ambulance service, hospitals and one central public works. Sandra Gates, running for commissioner, District #3 stated that she has previous experience as a county commissioner and will work hard to serve her district. Her goals include providing leadership, responsible spending, reduce property taxes, improve roads & bridges, economic development and improving the County.

Bryant Anderson was asked what his opinion was on consolidating the hospitals and his comment was that he didn't object to consolidation if it's centralized consolidation which would mean in Anthony which in the center of the county. Since this would not probably be agreeable with Harper, the middle ground would be to consolidate into one system with two separate locations but not two separate hospitals. Ferguson commented that everyone in the county needs to be paying hospital taxes.

- 3) **Interfaith Housing Ribbon Cutting** – Gwen announced that the Chamber Ambassadors will hold a ribbon cutting on August 16, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Interfaith Housing Open House. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- 4) **Shopping Anthony & Bulk Mail Permit Political Advertising** – Discussion was held on this subject and it was decided that no political advertising is appropriate in the Shopping Anthony Flyer and use of the Bulk Mail Permit should be in the direct promotion of your business, which follows our policies.
- 5) **Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Nominations** – Nominations for Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses may be made by going to www.kansascommerce.com. Deadline is July 17, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ The next Chamber meeting is August 7, 2008 at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club.
- ❑ The next Retail Meeting is August 19 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.
- ❑ The Anthony Downs Horse & Dog Races are July 18-20, 2008
- ❑ The Harper County Courthouse Centennial is November 8, 2008
- ❑ Sunflower Arts & Crafts Show is November 8, 2008