
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

August 5, 2009

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on August 5, 2009, at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club. Board of Directors present was Bryant Anderson, Karen Younce, Vicky Knapic, J.D. Hays, Ron Poor, Mary Hixson, Lori Allen and Gwen Warner. Absent were Judy Brummer and Tim Gates.

President Bryant Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting of July 15, 2009 were presented and approved as corrected by motion from Mary Hixson, seconded by Vicky Knapic. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❑ **Remembering, Rebuilding & Revival Report** – Karen Younce reported approximately 175 people attended the *Remembering, Rebuilding & Revival* Program. It was hosted by the Anthony Ministerial Alliance. There were eight pastors participating with five speaking on specific areas. They honored the community, business leaders, EMT's, firefighters, law enforcement and reminded us all that God is in control and ended with a prayer circle. The retail committee organized refreshments for the evening. McDonalds donated iced tea with the downtown businesses donating cookies. The retail committee also gave out the yellow bracelets saying *Remembering & Rebuilding Anthony*. Karen added that the program was rather poorly attended by the Chamber and downtown business people.
- ❑ **Ribbon Cutting** – Gwen reported that the Chamber Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting at B Bar L & Associates (Bob & Lori Ann Reber) on July 20, 2009 and welcomed them as a new Chamber member.
- ❑ **Veterans Day Program** – Gwen Warner reported that the Veterans Day Committee would proceed with their program as in the past if this meets with the board's approval. She also mentioned that anyone wishing to help would be very welcome. Vicky Knapic volunteered to help on the committee as well as volunteering Knapic Chiropractic to help financially with the veteran's lunch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **American Flags & Welcome Flags** – Gwen reported that the Anthony City Commissioners approved the recommendation from the Wayne Dennis Committee to purchase American Flags, Welcome Flags, conduit and rivets at their regular meeting this past Monday evening. J. D. Hays expressed his displeasure with the decision to purchase the flags from out of town.
- **E-Mail Committee Report** - A motion was made by Ron Poor, seconded by Vicky Knapic to adopt the E-Mail policy presented to the board, excluding the third paragraph. Motion Carried.
- **Nominating Committee Report** –J.D. Hays requested to have his name removed from the nominating committee. President, Bryant Anderson honored his request.

- **Downtown Discussion** – J.D. Hays asked if anyone knows where in the process we are from the downtown fire? Bryant stated that all the involved businesses are now under the grant process. Bryant answered the board's questions to the best of his ability. Bryant stated that he would like the Chamber to take a leadership role in recruiting new businesses in the burned out lots. Mary Hixson made a motion, seconded by J. D. Hays for Bryant to contact the business owners and the City of Anthony letting them know that the Chamber is interested in directing and recruiting new businesses in the downtown area and to find out what the city has on their mind. Motion Carried. (This is just to let them know that we are kicking it around).

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Bryant's Recommendation** – President, Bryant Anderson recommended that going forward that we made sure there is always a motion, a second and that the motion is carried or not carried. That every single person who makes the motion, every single person who seconds the motion and the vote is in the minutes. J. D. Hays moved to accept this motion as above stated, seconded by Karen Younce. Motion carried.
- 2) **Monthly Publication Error** – Gwen apologized to the board for the ad that was in the Shopping Anthony Publication. Harper Fire Department was accidentally left out of the thank you. Gwen will take care of the matter the best way she can.
- 3) **Review June Financial** – A motion was made by Ron Poor, seconded by Lori Allen to approve the July financial as presented. Motion Carried.
- 4) **Kansas Farm Bureau Letter** – The board reviewed the letter from the Kansas Farm Bureau. A motion was made by J. D. Hays, seconded by Vicky Knapic to take no action but contact the Kansas Farm Bureau and let them know that if they wish to, on their own contact our membership, the information is available at www.anthonychamber.com.
- 5) **Past Due Dues Report** – Gwen reported on the unpaid dues up to the first of this month. Vicky Knapic requested to remove Lia Sophia Jewelry as a member since she is no longer selling the product.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The State Fair Schedule was presented to the board so they could sign up to work if it were convenient for them.

Business Climate Report

Bryant reported that the Anthony Medical Center Board made a decision to rebuild the Wellness Center at the Hospital based on the financial ability to do so. They will be seeking a Community Development Block Grant to go with the insurance money. A temporary location will be set up in the meantime at the Bank of Kansas.

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Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made by Mary Hixson, seconded by Vicky Knapic to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Retail Meeting is August 18, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.
- The next Chamber meeting is August 19, 2009 at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club.
- Anthony Theater Movie Night In The Park is August 29, 2009.
- Helping Hands & Hooves Trail Ride is September 26, 2009.