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## Anthony Chamber of Commerce

### Board of Directors Minutes

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August 19, 2009

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on August 19, 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 August 5, 2009 were presented and approved as written by motion from J.D. Hays, seconded by Vicky Knapic. Motion Carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Fall Fest Activities** – Karen Younce reported that Diana Busby is chairing the *Anthony For the Arts Fall Fest (October 3)* and is doing a very good job. Plans include a Student Art Display at the Municipal Hall, Art Show/Sale on Main Street, Pole Decorating Contest, Merchants Sidewalk Sale, Bake Sales, Treat Bag Art at Kanza Bank, Cammi's Dance Rehearsal, Slane' Men's Quartet, "The Mystery at the Dunbar Mansion" at the Celebration Center, "Art In Anthony" Scavenger Hunt, "The Ghosts of Anthony" Ghost Tour, at noon Main Street Ministeries will serve Hamburgers & Fixin's and Brats/Polish Sausage will be served on the West Lawn at the Congregational Church.
- **Retail Committee Report** – Karen Younce reported that the Retail Committee met yesterday morning. There was considerable discussion on whether to sell or give-away the next set of bracelets. Decision was made to sell them for \$1 each to raise money to help replace the Downtown Sound System. Karen Cather is working on a Art In Anthony Scavenger Hunt. Prizes will be given to the first 10 winners who find Art in all the murals. The Retail Committee feels that Art In Anthony has the potential to be a good tourist draw if we can find the right way to promote it. Karen Cather will head up the promo and is asking for \$50 donations from businesses to help fund it. A t-shirt design is ready and a bid from Patricia Hoover has been received. Other bids have not been perused. A Taste of Anthony will not be done at this time but perhaps later as an event of its own. A motion was made by Lori Allen, seconded by J.D. Hays to allow the Retail Committee to proceed with the Art In Anthony Promotion as above discussed. Motion Carried. A motion was made by J. D. Hays, seconded by Mary Hixson to allow the Retail Committee to sell bracelets for the purpose of raising funds for the downtown sound system. Motion carried.
- **Santa Claus** – Gwen requested permission from the Board to have John Schnelle serve as our Santa for the Christmas season. A motion was made by Karen Younce, seconded by Mary Hixson to ask John Schnelle to serve as Santa again this year. Motion carried.
- **Arts & Crafts** – A motion was made by Vicky Knapic, seconded by Mary Hixson that the Chamber serve the meal at the November Arts & Crafts as a fundraiser. Motion Carried. We will ask the Ambassadors for their assistance.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Appointment to Nominating Committee** – President, Bryant Anderson appointed Vickie Knapic to the Nominating Committee to replace J. D. Hays.
- **Downtown Discussion** – President, Bryant Anderson talked to various business owners to see if they would be interested in allowing us to help work on bringing different businesses into the downtown area. In talking to some of them he now feels that the Chamber is pretty well out of the loop on this. Ron Poor stated that he thinks that it's appropriate for the Chamber to be involved in what's going on. Whether we're the leader, a participant or somebody on the sidelines offering wisdom and advice. But we definitely need to be involved. We need to be expressing support and keeping our position at the table. Ron stated that he didn't think an increase in a retail sales tax is a very good idea for our members. This is something that perhaps we need to poll our members on. Mary Hixson suggested that we invite the Mayor and express our concerns about the sales tax that Ron spoke of, the concerns that we should have a place at the table and at this time we don't. In talking to the mayor find out where we go from here and how do we get everybody at the table. Bryant will invite Don Heidrick and Barbara Muse to our next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) **Hard Drive Failure** – Gwen Warner reported that the office computer had a hard drive failure yesterday. Steve Trotter is working on restoring files from the external backup drive and the damaged hard drive will be replaced at a later time.
- 2) **Approve New Member** – A motion was made by Vicky Knapic, seconded by Mary Hixson to approve *Country Mutt Hut* (Kris Calvert) as a new member. Motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- President, Bryant Anderson volunteered to visit with Tim Gates to see why he has been unable to attend Chamber meetings.
- Vicky Knapic mentioned that she thinks it's a very good idea to include the information concerning assistance to new business in the Welcome Wagon.

**Meeting Adjourned:** A motion was made by Mary Hixson, seconded by Vicky Knapic to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❑ The next Chamber meeting is September 2, 2009 at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club.
- ❑ The next Retail Meeting is September 22, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.
- ❑ Anthony For the Arts Fall Fest is scheduled for October 3, 2009