
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

October 7, 2009

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on October 7, 2009, at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club. Board of Directors present was Bryant Anderson, Vicky Knapic, Karen Younce, J.D. Hays, Mary Hixson, Lori Allen, Judy Brummer and Gwen Warner. Absent were Tim Gates and Ron Poor. Also present was Karen Cather, Bette DeMerrit, Mike Lanie, Lyle Wellbrock, Joe Brummer and Bob Fettke.

President, Bryant Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting of September 16, 2009 were presented and approved as printed by motion from J D Hays, seconded by Vicky Knapic. Motion Carried.

Members of the Anthony Planning Commission were present to hear a presentation by Bob Fettke, from the Kansas Department of Commerce on the CID's. The purpose of a Community Investment District (CID) would be to promote and support economic development. The committee was considering this as a means of rebuilding downtown where the fire destroyed businesses. Bob Fettke handed out information on the legislative update concerning CID's.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Retail Report** – Karen Younce updated the Board on the upcoming Merchants Christmas Open House (November 15) and the Candy Cane Cash Promo (November 28 – December 19). The committee is working on getting funding for this promo. Shoppers will fill out their Wish List at a participating Anthony merchant! This will give friends and family help with their Christmas shopping, and they will be entered to win something from their Wish List at each store! Winners will be drawn on Wednesday, December 23. Every store will have a winner! Participating merchants include: K.Lane's, Jetts, Country at Heart, Irwin-Potter Drug, Anthony Antiques & Beads, Marshall Jewelry, The Perfect Touch and J-Mac Flowers & Gifts.
- **Veterans Day Chairman** – Gwen informed the Board that Cynda Carr has had to step down as chairman of the Veterans Day Program due to the illness of her mother. She will assist as best as she can. The Board recommended that Gwen contact Karen Ryan and see if she would be willing to chair the committee.
- **Pole Decorating Contest Winners** – Winners included; 1. Cropland Ins. / Coordinated Systems, 2. Anthony Theater, 3. Friendship Meals, 4. Learning Center, 5. K.Lanes.
- **Arts & Crafts Show** – Gwen reported that over 600 craft registrations have been sent out this past week. Also discussed the need to get a committee together to prepare lunch for the November show. Vicky Knapic volunteered to chair the committee. Mary Hixson, Judy Brummer, Bryant Anderson and Irmal Hays (J D Hays volunteered Irmal) volunteered to assist Vicky with this project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Nominating Committee Report/Nominees** – A letter was presented to President Bryant Anderson in advance of today's meeting informing him of the Nominating Committee's decision. A motion was made by Vicky Knapic, seconded by Lori Allen to accept the nominating committee's recommendation of Vicky Knapic, Karen Younce and John Gaffney as nominees for 2009 Board positions. Motion carried. Before the first meeting in November the ballots will be tabulated and the three new directors will be seated and the nominating committee will present their list of officers for 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Review September Financial** – The board reviewed the September Financial.
- 2) **Approve New Member** – A motion was made by Vicky Knapic, seconded by Lori Allen to approve Hospice Care of Kansas (Carmen Deffenbaugh, Wellington) or (Venita Bogdanovecz, Anthony) as a new member. Motion Carried.
- 3) **Office Space** – Bryrant Anderson reported that he and Gwen had met with David Pitts about two weeks ago. At this time David told them that they don't know for sure if the bank will retain the building where the Chamber has their office at this time. If we are unable to be housed in the current building they would offer us office space on the west side of their bank building.

OTHER BUSINESS

J.D. Hays reported that the Helping Hands and Hooves Trail Ride was very successful (raising \$2,440). They had 28 riders and each Ministerial Alliance (Anthony & Harper) will receive \$1,220.

A FREE Seminar for Prevention of Underage Drinking Training is October 22, 2009 from 1 – 4 p.m. t the Raymond Frye Complex, 320 N Jefferson, Wellington KS 67152. Speaker is Karen Wittman, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Kansas. Topics include Changes in Kansas Law – Furnishing Intoxicants to Minors – Law Enforcement's Role in gathering evidence & investigative reporting – Minor in Possession & Consumptions – Involving Community & parents. Attendees will receive a certificate hours for completing the training seminar. RSVP online by October 9th for this free seminar: www.ktsro.org ~ Click on Trainings ~ Registration.

Everyone is invited to *Interfaith Housing Services Annual Appreciation Event*. Come & Go, 5 – 8 p.m. Friday, October 16th – Please RSVP by Monday October 12. Call 620-662-8370. Held at Journey-Yoder, South Hutchinson Mennonite Church, 3605 S Longview Rd

BUSINESS CLIMATE REPORT

- Gwen reported that the I D Board would meet with the City Commissioners this afternoon at 2 p.m.
- Shawn and Kate Catlin were in the Chamber office this week and said they were getting ready to start a Harper County Newspaper.

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made by Vicky Knapic, seconded by J D Hays, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Retail Meeting is October 20, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.
- The next Chamber meeting is October 21, 2009 at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club.
- *Sunflower Arts & Crafts Fair* is November 7, 2009
- *Merchants Christmas Open House* is November 15, 2009
- *Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair* is December 5, 2009