

**Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting
January 12, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER: The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership meeting was held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church with approximately 55 members present. Dr. Linda Buckmiller called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. Reverend Jeff Timlick gave the invocation. Dr. Buckmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT: Read and approved.

INDUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS:

President:	Becky Sellars
Vice-President:	Ruth Holmes
Secretary:	Deborah Muessig
Treasurer:	Paula Hon

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Report:

- Mike Schrage reported city street crews have been out in this wintry weather.
- The Community Profile is put out for informational purposes for our residents. The economic development committee is compiling a comprehensive plan for guidance as to the growth of the city for the next 10, 20, even 30 years down the road. This proposal is being focused on 2 land use categories
 - 1. Conservation (50% open space / 50% development), approximately 2 units to the acre
 - 2. Natural Resource areas – no development. Mike supports getting involved now to have a voice in this decision making process.
- According to the HBA - The City of Smithville issued the most building permits last year compared to other suburbs of Kansas City.
- We are definitely growing. The Board of Aldermen will be meeting on the following items 1. Creekwood site plan – trash disposal, 2. Fireworks Display Date and award of bid, 3. Lease purchase financing – award bank bids

Fundraising / Octoberfest: Mike Schrage reported. It was the committee's decision not to merge our event with Ultramax event. The proposal by the committee was to have the Ultramax event staff turn to the Chamber for possible formation of an additional committee to help support this event from the community. Future monthly meeting to appoint chair directors.

Executive Director: Susan Cintron reported that renewals are due for 2005 year. February 1st is the deadline for the membership directory. Luncheon sponsors and co-sponsorships are needed. Thru Suzanne Bernritter Chamber University intern sponsorships are also available.

School Report: Dr. Rob Leachman reported we are all tired of the snow. Four days are to be made up due to snow. The major problem is the buses getting around in the rural areas. Dr. Leachman cited the general process for how they decide to call off school and the process of how it makes it to the news.

Hospitality Hostess: Carolyn Rockhold reported that the not-for-profit welcome program renewals were in the mail.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Appreciation Awards: Awards were presented by new President Becky Sellars to the prior years' board members... Travis Boyer (not present) for 2 years as Secretary and Dr. Linda Buckmiller for 3 years as President. An additional award was given to Barry Parks for his countless years of contribution to the Chamber and all of its events.

Healthy Families/Santa Visit: Was a success. Through the Kids Christmas Mall in which 20% of the sales are donated, \$1200.00 was sold over just a couple hours of operating. 15 merchants participated in this program. A check for \$448.00 was presented to Healthy Families Program.

Suggestion Box: Available at this meeting and all future meetings to help identify the important needs of our chamber through the eyes of its members. One suggestion getting a buzz so far is a Membership Business Fair.

Chamber Membership Directory: Bidding in process. 1/26/05 bid opening.

Cleaning the Chamber Office: Bidding in process. 1/26/05 bid opening.

PROGRAM: Jim Clark with the City of Smithville gave the program. The program's content was to help educate everyone on what the City is trying to achieve via the economic development industry.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.