

**Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting
February 8, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership meeting was held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church with approximately 68 members present. Becky Sellars called the meeting to order at 11:53 am. Reverend Jim Lawley gave the invocation. Becky Sellars led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Minutes read and approved: Motion by Lisa Keefe, 2nd by Steve Wilcott, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report read and approved: Motion by Steve Wilcott, 2nd by Jack Woods, motion passed

Program: Safe Place for Children, Aflac

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Report: Jim Clark reported.

- Sales Tax - ½ cent capital improvement tax & ¼ cent parks & storm Sewer sales tax
- Sales tax did not pass – results posted on Clay County site – 1000+ voters to the polls
 - Police Station plans have been shelved for now
- TIFF 2nd reading for Smithville Commons project was rejected
 - No movement forward on this project

Fundraising / Octoberfest: Cheryl Taylor reported.

- We are excited about the event
- We have some open areas to fill
- Target map locations for each event

Executive Director: Susan Cintron reported.

- Goal: Business after hours event every quarter
 - Feb 23rd from 5-7 pm at Shoal Creek is our next event, please join us
- Renewal Memberships at 210
- Event following chamber luncheon: Ribbon cutting at Curves, 1:20 pm, new ownership

School Report: Leechman reported.

- School Board Elections coming up in April
- We have some new athletic classification: Soccer 2A, Basketball 4A
- Administrative Changes – Shawn Sherwood retires in December
 - Replacement expected by Feb 15th
- With loss of Mike Perkins – need to fill administrative responsibilities
 - Looking for Assistant Maintenance Supervisor – for support services
- Wayne Crewgan

Hospitality Hostess: Kelly Busch reported

- Have had some great responses with the program
- Looking forward to growth

Chamber University: No report.

Smithville Area Fire Protection District: Mark Furguson reported

- Review of changes over the years
 - We've grown to 10 FT, 18 PT, and 12 Volunteers
 - 10% of calls are Fire calls
 - They include hazardous material calls
- Committed to HAZMAT Team
 - They currently house 1 out of 5 of the Hazmat trailers
- Education at Schools, Daycares, Libraries
- Operate car seat installations/inspections – 2 are trained in this area to help inform
- Prepared to grow with the community

Emergency Services Report: Scott Roy, Northland Regional Ambulance District

- They are prepared to change with our growing community
- 2005: 7.5 minute response time - call to ambulance until they show up at home
 - Jan response time was low: 6 min 45 sec average
- 1 hr/day average where there is no ambulance available
 - With growth in the Northland, they are assessing this issue

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Old Business:

- Volunteers for 30th Anniversary Committee
 - Jack Woods – to take the lead and call the first meeting
 - Greg Atkins (not present) – general membership voted to have him head committee
 - Lienda Haddock, Christy Curry, Susan Cintron, and Bill Hillox are also members

New Business:

- Thank you to Don Hanks who donated the new benches in front of the chamber building

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 P.M.