

**Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Membership Meeting  
March 9, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership meeting was held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church with approximately 80 members present. Becky Sellars called the meeting to order at 11:57 A.M. Reverend Sharon Beshears gave the invocation. Becky Sellars led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:** Read and approved. Motion by Jack Woods, Larry Fries 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**City Report:** Mike Schrage reported. Next Tues Board of Aldermen will meet. On the agenda is the Smithville United Methodist Church special use permit, Harbor Lake zoning, Rock Creeks Phase 1 Final Platte, and Bid Awards

**Fundraising / Octoberfest:** Mike Schrage reported. They are continuing to meet and everyone is welcome. Currently they are going through the budgeting process. April 4<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. Open positions include Volunteers and Decorating Committee. Mike wanted to stress that pledges are still going to be need in putting on this event.

**Executive Director:** Susan Cintron reported.

- Welcome to the first March Mixer. This will not be at every chamber meeting.
- We have 210 renewals for chamber membership this year. The directory is being produced.
- Easter Egg hunt is March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

**School Report:**

- George Curry reported that construction is progressing nicely.
- Many other groups have accomplished great things recently. They include FBLA sent over 10 students to District Competition. DECA has over 15 going to State, Academic Bowl is sponsoring Districts next week, Basketball Girls and Boys won Districts, State Wrestling has been doing good.
- The school district is improving its website: parent connect program, district curriculum, handbooks
- Warrior alert – new program to text message special school announcements/cancellations, sign up through the website
- MAP testing in the early weeks of April

**Chamber University:** Suzanne Bernitter reported: They will now be having notebooks about the program available for this next year to help the students and the business. Thank you for your support this year and coming through at such short notice sometimes. In a couple months we will have a more detailed report for you on this program. Also a logo is being produced for the fall.

**Hospitality Hostess:** Becky Sellars reported. We have 8 applications to this position. We are ironing out the details on this position before going through the hiring process. We expect to know more by the May chamber meeting.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

### **New Business:**

- Ashley Allen of Clearfield Farm Antiques is planning a Derby Days event May 7<sup>th</sup> 2005. Please feel free to stop by and visit with her. She is looking for volunteers and this event is sure to be a success.
- Knights of Columbus and Mario & Teresa Fantasma of Paradise Locker were awarded a certificate for their efforts in the Share the Harvest program. They were able to process and distribute over 10,000 pounds of venison to area shelters.
- Healthy Families program awarded the Smithville Chamber the "Friends of Healthy Families Award 2004". This award was given to the chamber for all that it has done for their program over the last year. Additional note from Healthy Families: Silent Auction coming up this month.

### **Old Business:**

- None at this time

**Program:** Steve Wilcott on his estate planning.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.