

**Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting
May 11, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER: The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership meeting was held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church with approximately 70 members present. Becky Sellars called the meeting to order at 11:57 A.M. Reverend Jeff Timlick gave the invocation. Becky Sellars led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Minutes read, correction made and approved. Motion by Steve Wolcott, Karen Zemerick 2nd motion, motion passed
- Treasurer's Report read and approved: Motion by Jack Woods, Travis Boyer 2nd motion, motion passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Report: Gerry Vernon reported.

- Liberty Street paving is at the end of completion
- Board of Aldermen - Meeting Agenda: 1. 2005 Street repair program, incl. alley behind Bridge & Commercial streets, 2. Dangerous Building at 215 KK Hwy, 3. Annexation MoDot off northern 169 area
- Other Issues: 1. Rezoning of land on SW corner of Commercial and 169 Hwy, 2. Liquor licenses are up for renewal, 3. Smith's Fork Park Playground (to be similar to Heritage Park), 4. Clay County has pulled out of Fireworks display due to the date, 5. Estimated possible South water tower in 1 – 1 ½ yrs

Fundraising / Octoberfest: Cheryl Taylor reported.

- Chairs on all 11 Committees
- Courtyard has planned some new activities
- More contests, Band in the courtyard on Saturday
- Money – Keep those pledges coming in

Executive Director: Susan Cintron reported.

- Gas Raffle - \$400 thus far, there will be 2 gas stations participating (Texaco & Ampride)
- 2005-2006 Membership Directories are available today – Thank you to Tinnen Publishing, New this year we have included fax numbers and emails.

School Report: Dr. Leachman reported.

- Senior Awards night is tomorrow night
- May 15th is Graduation at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
- May 26th is the last day of school, it's a ½ day
- May 31st thru July 1st is Summer School Program: Estimated 750 – 800 kids K-8th grade
- Building is nearing completion – Last part is the installation of HVAC in HS Gym
- Monday – Tragic accident in Liberty involving school bus: Coulter bus service for 25 years in Smithville, has a stellar record, they bus approximately 1300-1400 students per day, all buses were inspected last month, there will continue to be research on the issue of seatbelts in buses that Smithville will continue to look at

Hospitality Hostess: Kelly Busch reported.

- The 10-15 she has visited thus far she has enjoyed. She goes thru the basket with them so they see all the products/promotions in the basket
- Currently looking for creative ideas on the non-listed and no-call phone numbers

Chamber University: Susan Bernritter reported during the program.

- Completion of 1st year of Chamber University Program
 - 15 Businesses hosted a student
 - 25 Participated in Panel Discussions at the school
 - 6 Graduating students of the program
 - All Businesses were recognized for their participation

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

New Business:

- Many Events coming up for Smithville Community
 - Farmer's Market – Downtown every Saturday thru October. Flea Market June 11th, Fishing for kids on June 4th, Ruth's benefit golf tournament May 20th, City Wide Garage Sale is this weekend
- Smithville Fire Department has a new pumper truck #12

Old Business:

- None at this time

Program:

- Chamber University Awards
- Presentation on what Mount Moriah Terrace Park Funeral Homes has to offer as free programs to the public

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 P.M.