

Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting
August 10, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership meeting was held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church with approximately 75 members present. Ruth Holmes called the meeting to order at 11:52 AM. Father Jeff Timlick gave the invocation. Ruth Holmes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Minutes read and approved: Motion by Barry Parks, Cheryl Taylor 2nd motion, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report read and approved: Motion by Jack Woods, Becky Black 2nd motion, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Report: Mike Schrage reported.

- Defibrillator distribution – efforts finally paid off, we have a success story – saved a life
- Board of Aldermen meeting
 - Budget session, Ribbon Cutting of the Liberty Road project (5yr payment plan on this project)
 - Install new member – Earl Soetaert – special election on Aug 2nd
- Playground at Smith Fork is now installed, \$50,000 cost - final aspect is to put down a rubberized surface material
- Budget: November 1st is the beginning of the fiscal year, will be having meetings to discuss the budget numbers
- City Issues
 - Texaco gas station – additional building – recommended for denial
 - Rollins Landing - 4th plat, final phase
 - Grey Hawke – 2nd & 3rd phase, final plat
 - Patterson Home for rezoning to B4, more appropriate to area building status
 - Comp Plan is nearing completion
 - TIF underway
 - Park Board – use fee policy w/ Soccer and Baseball Association – 100% cost recovered

Fundraising / Octoberfest: Mike Schrage reported.

- 57 ½ days out and counting
- Meetings: every 2 weeks in August, every week in September/October
- Sponsorships: Deadlines for print advertising, parade bags, etc. – by next Monday
- Program Guide: 8 page tab program, inserted into Kearney Courier & Smithville Herald, printing 13,000 for distribution

Executive Director: Susan Cintron reported.

- Membership at 227
- Website: 3 bids in to the chamber, a committee will be meeting to finalize this
- Octoberfest – 27 volunteers signed up last month at the membership meeting – Thank you
- Chamber University
 - Waiting on the final student count, compilation of orientation notebooks
 - Response from other chambers on our program
 - New position – student liaison between chamber and Eric Klinkensmith

School Report: Robert Leachman reported.

- 2005-06 – 22 new certified staff teachers
- All staff starts on Monday, Students start 1 week from tomorrow (Aug 18th): 2070 enrollment
- Construction: \$4 Million project wrapped up in June, additional 22 classrooms
 - Open House: Aug 21st 2-4pm
- Fall Sports practices have already begun
- Dan Weekly – welcome him as the new assistant superintendent

Hospitality Hostess: Ruth Holmes reported.

- Happy with the progress Kelly has done with meeting new residents

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

New Business:

- Ultramax event this weekend and first weekend in September

Old Business:

- None at this time

Program:

- Rewind Barbershop Quartet

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 P.M.