

**Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Membership Meeting  
September 13, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership meeting was held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church with approximately 56 members present. Becky Sellars called the meeting to order at 11:58 am. Sharon Beshears gave the invocation. Becky Sellars led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Minutes will be available at next meeting
- Treasurer's Report read and approved: Motion by Steve Wilcott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Woods, motion passed

**Program: New Mark Care Center**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**City Report:** Jim Clark reported.

- Hazardous waste collected last Saturday
  - 220 Vehicles participated, 33,000 lbs of material collected
- Board of Aldermen meeting next Tues at 7pm
  - Agenda
    - TIFF Policy
    - TIFF Plan – Smithville Commons
    - Cell phone tower (T-Mobile) behind Littleton Ford

**School Report:** Wayne Kruger reported.

- Department of Elementary & Secondary Education – Big Announcement
  - Daryl Johnson – Teacher of the Year Award
  - 78,000 teachers are in MO
  - Candidate for Washington DC at White House for National Teacher of Year
- Enrollment up 126 students
  - 6.08 percent increase
  - 2200 students total K-12<sup>th</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest growing school district in MO last year, on track again for this year
- Homecoming is September 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Parade 2pm & Rally follows
  - 7pm Football game
- 2 Smithville High School students got the meet Pres Bush
  - They won the Volunteer Service Award
- Smithville Middle School Girl Power Overnight stay is coming up (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Emergency Services Report:** Chief Ken Wilson reported.

- Working 3 active cases
- Just finish the You Drink, You Drive, You Loose Campaign
  - 2 week period
  - 57 Vehicles stopped
    - 21 Speeding violations, 24 Other hazardous moving violations, 23 non-hazardous violations, 5 DWI, 5 Drug related, 3 other traffic offenses
- YTD – 100 DWI's cited
- 2005 – 788 alcohol related traffic crashes, 1100 under age drivers, 16,000 killed, 48,000 are injured

- Seatbelt Law Changed
  - Under 4 & under 40 lbs = Approved car seat (age appropriate for child)
  - 4 to 7 yrs & 40+ lbs = Approved booster seat
  - 4'9" or 8 yrs & 80 lbs = Seat belt

**Chamber University Report:** Susan Bernritter reported.

- More changes this year for a smoother process
  - 6 students in class with one site visit
  - Students can pick a different business each quarter = total of 4 businesses per year
  - Will do more job shadowing
  - Businesses visit classroom with smaller breakout sessions
  - Dates: Oct 11, Dec 13, Feb 7, May 9

**Fundraising / Octoberfest:** Cheryl Taylor reported.

- Great event and it's here!
- Shirts: Volunteers are Orange and Committee Members are Gold – “Go for the Gold”
- Raffle Tickets are available – passed out at the door
- Get your sponsorship pledges in
- New event this year that's gaining interest is the Scarecrow contest
- Children's area – Save your plastic containers (Cool Whip & Margarine)
- Grand Marshall – 3 current nominations and still open for nominations
- Program Guide – Available Soon!

**Executive Director:** Susan Cintron reported.

- 229 Members
- Octoberfest time – great opportunity
- Phil White – Announcement of his retirement from banking – Sept 27 is the fair-well party

**Hospitality Hostess:** Kelly Busch reported

- August list has 30 – visits made
- Thank you to those in the basket, 38 for-profit members participate

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.