

**Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting
November 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 69 members present. Becky Sellars called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Reverend Jim Matson gave the invocation.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Report: Mike Schrage reported.

- Board of Aldermen meeting topics of discussion
 - Old cuttings grocery store – site development plan
 - Amendment of 169 speed limit to catch up to MODOT's final posting of speed limit
 - Bid awards
 - Sales Tax election certification – ½ cent sales tax and ¼ cent storm water & sewer
 - Board looking to meet bimonthly to be the 1st and 3rd Tues of the month to get more done and keep time to minimum
- Mike will be accepting a Assistant City position with Salina, KS
 - His last day at Smithville will be December 6th...Salina start date of Dec 12th
 - He has enjoyed his 12 years with the city and Octoberfest also

Fundraising / Octoberfest: Cheryl Taylor reported.

- Elected officers
 - President – Travis Boyer
 - Vice President – Cheryl Taylor
 - Secretary – Penni Frick
 - Treasurer – Joyce Callahan
 - Member at Large – Susan Cintron
- Children's Area – split up with new chair heads, positions are open for any who want to help
- Wants for the future of Octoberfest
 - Make money and stay in the black
 - Host a successful event
 - Keep up the enthusiasm
 - Make the meetings shorter
- Mike Schrage – has been a valuable asset to the event
 - He originally joined to keep the love of the annual festival in his children's life as he remembers his past
 - Mike was presented a plaque from the Octoberfest committee for all his past efforts

Executive Director: Susan Cintron reported.

- Current membership – 230
- Newest member Cristy Kurry with BC Mechanical
- Christmas Cash Raffle – December 14th drawing at the chamber luncheon
- Events upcoming
 - Sat, Nov 12th Cheryl Taylor will play Mrs. Clause at a storytelling at Clearfield Antiques
 - This weekend - Arts Council – Fair in City Hall building

School Report: Robert Leachman reported.

- Parent Teachers Conference – almost 100% participated
- Fall Season just ended – overall successful
- Performance update: 1.5 % drop out rate, lowest it's ever been, state average if 3.3%
- Graduating class of 2004 – 82% attended college, highest percent in history
- Annual distinction and performance award
- Ingram's Magazine – 35 school districts, ranked #3 Best in KC area
- Friday – Veteran's Day – Student council presenting a Veterans ceremony at the High School
- Mike Schrage – has been a joy to work with
- Hillary Duff (Smithville Senior) will be on Channel 4 at 9 pm – Reaching for Excellence Award

Hospitality Hostess: Kelly Busch reported

- Still going strong – October's list includes 28 people

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

New Business:

- Membership news – Raise in dues
 - No increase since 1999, lots of meetings and work went into the decision
 - More specific information may be found in today's meeting outline
 - There has been a general rise in expenses
 - New rates will be reflected in next few weeks when you get your packet

Old Business:

- Keep Mike Farris in your prayers – going through tests everyday and surgery could be as soon as tomorrow
- Website committee has met and Isotech was awarded the bid
 - Look for this exciting website to develop shortly
- Election of officers next month
 - See Cherrine who is heading up the committee and looking for nominations
 - Cherrine will conduct the election next month
- Seeking 2006/2007 Membership directory bids at this time – please see the newsletter for more details

Program: First Bank of Missouri – Presents Smithville High School Band

- Pledge of Allegiance is performed
- Presentation of service veterans

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.