

**Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting
December 14, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER: The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership meeting was held at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church with approximately 78 members present. Becky Sellars called the meeting to order at 11:53 am. Sharon Beshears gave the invocation. Becky Sellars led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Minutes & Treasurer's Report read and approved: Motion by Barry Parks, 2nd by Bob Mallet, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Report: Gerry Vernon reported.

- They are expecting a smooth transition with all preparations done prior to Mike's position resignation
- Please to announce City of Smithville has received the #3 Star Award as best city in KC
 - Ranked very high in Parks, School, efficient city government
 - Ranked very last in capital improvements spending
 - Please note that on the Feb 9th there will be a tax increase request on ballot
- City Agenda
 - Architect contract – City Hall Annex project
 - Sizing of new water tower at the South end of town
 - American Public Works Association – Standards for Development
 - TIFF – Cost benefit analysis will possibly be in for the Jan 17th Board meeting
 - Please stop by to review this analysis and all the numbers and comment on this to your Board of Aldermen

Fundraising / Octoberfest: Cheryl Taylor reported.

- No meeting this month – Break for Holidays
- Cheryl offers tips for the Holiday season
 - Strokes – Questions to ask someone if they might be having a stroke
 - 1. Ask them to SMILE
 - 2. Ask them to RAISE THEIR HANDS
 - 3. Ask them to SAY A SIMPLE SENTENCE
 - Identity Theft Prevention Tips
 - Just use and first initial and last name, sign as regular signature
 - Put photo id required on back of credit cards
 - Don't write full credit card number on check when mailing in payment, just use the last 4 numbers
 - Keep a photo copy of all items that you carry in your purse with all phone numbers handy for an emergency if purse gets stolen
 - Keep your hotel cards & destroy them, all your information (name, address, phone number, credit card numbers) is kept on those cards, any employee could swipe that card and have access to your information

Executive Director: Susan Cintron reported.

- Final 2005 membership – 231
- Presentation from Vanessa Locke at KC Star – 2 plaques framed the #3 ranking of Smithville Star City
- Membership renewals due 1/31/06, new for 2006 is the addition of website addresses

- Holiday Open House – Kalin Custom Homes, tomorrow from 5-7pm
- Gas Raffle Ticket sales totaled \$828.00
 - Special thanks to Roberta Lowman and Linda Hill
 - Fundraising profit of \$428.00
 - \$400 Raffle Winner – Reverend Jim Lawley

School Report: Robert Leachman reported.

- Christmas break starts a week from tomorrow, School resumes Jan 4th
- Talented art students in our school, if you have a business or building that you would like to display some of this art, please let us know
- #3 Star City for Smithville is an honor, School district was looking forward to this years results
- We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and New Year

Hospitality Hostess: Kelly Busch reported

- No list for December yet
- November 23 visits were performed
- Collection of name tags in baskets passed around at the end of the meeting

Chamber University: No report.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

New Business:

- Voting in new board members to take place after Old Business

Old Business:

- Special thanks to John Miller with T’NT Electric for electrifying the poles for holiday decorations
- Kid’s Christmas Mall – Donation from 20% of organization sales resulted in \$300
 - Over the past years, \$600-700 has been previously donated from this event
 - Donation this year goes to the School District, Leechman accepted the \$300 donation
- Smithville Ministerial Alliance - \$100 donation
 - Barry Parks made motion to donate this \$100 again, Lisa Keefe 2nd motion, motion approved
- Voting in 2006 Board Members
 - Steve Wilcott made motion to vote in board members on the ballot by acclamation, Lisa Keefe 2nd motion, motion approved
 - 2006 Board Members are as follows
 - President – Becky Sellars
 - Vice-President – Dan Hartman
 - Secretary – Deborah Muessig
 - Treasurer – Paula Hon
 - Board Members – Linda Buckmiller, Cheryl Taylor, Berry Parks
 - New board members will be installed at January meeting

Program: Smithville Lakeside Singers

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 P.M.