

Minutes of the 4-12-11 Meeting of the Ferdinand Chamber of Commerce Board

Present: Patrick Miller, Jim Mehling, Brian Tretter, Luke Tieken, Diane Hoppenjans, Alan Hoffman, Frank Gessner and Sister Barbara L. Schmitz. Marc Steczyk was absent.

Patrick Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m.

Brian moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous Board approval.

Old business

Treasurer's report (per Luke Tieken). Checking account balance is \$ 24,764.10 after paying several bills for PSC, The Herald and a bill for Heimatfest \$50 to provide a flag. A bill coming for advertising in the Spencer County will be split with the town.

After a discussion of the interest rates which might be available for a 6 month return. Money has been set aside for the sign, light poles, banner holders for Main Street from Industrial Park to 1st Street. Alan moved that we invest \$10,000 in a CD with GAB, Brian seconded it. The motion carried. Luke and Brian were asked to do so research into the options for investing these funds.

Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner Brenda Barth agreed to co-chair Nov. 3rd chamber celebration, open to a wider office, door prizes and guest speaker, Kevin Brienger. Beth MacManaway was asked to co-chair the event with Brenda Barth. Brian shared information with DCADC and other chambers about the Nov. 3rd event. It was suggested that others might want to have Kevin for a luncheon or schedule some time for meetings with him during the day.

Jim Dinkle has accepted the DCADC's offer as director. The board wishes to invite him to the chamber meetings in the future and extend an invitation to him for our Nov 3rd meeting.

The event will be advertised to attract a good crowd.

Town wide yard sale – usual crowd

Chamber Membership Present membership is 129 paid members. Brian will reconcile the list and bring the list. We feel we will make our goal of 130.

Jim is looking for workers at the raffle for the Heimatfest for 2 hour increments Fri and Sat

New Business: Shop Dine Local First program is on track. It has been announced and will run the program when Marc gets back. Write was placed in Ferdinand News

Meeting of Ferdinand 175th Centennial meeting will be May 19th at the Library. The corporate structure is still in place. Jim, treasurer will be given the papers. The deposit will be issued to the Library and we will request that the deposit be held for chamber future meetings.

The Four-Seasons deposit of \$100 is required by the Library. For Leadership Academy and Four Seasons at night Tonya and Kyle Kendall presentation. Pat moves Alan second for deposit – required. This deposit will be returned if not damage.

The 15th year for the Christkindlmarkt is 2012. Other cities in Germany have unique features or specialties featured in their market. We might consider creating one unique for our market. The chamber discussed possibilities.

Diane reported the Herb and Garden days are ready. Herb and Garden now has 21 vendors at Wollemmann house.

Diane moved that we adjourn, Alan seconded. Motion passed.

Future Business:

The chamber will address the goals, vision and mission at the May 9, 2011 meeting.