

Minutes of the 9-12-2011 Meeting of the Ferdinand Chamber of Commerce Board

Present: Patrick Miller, Diane Hoppenjans, Marc Steczyk, Alan Hoffman, Frank Gessner, Jim Mehling, Ed Talucci, Ken Sicard and Sr. Barbara L. Schmitz were present.

Pat Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.

The minutes were reviewed. Jim moved that we approve the minutes, Luke seconded. They were approved.

Old Business

Treasurer's report

Luke Tieken reported a checking account balance of \$ 17,298.36. Considering the low interest rates on the CD it seemed advisable to keep the funds liquid. The CD is due to expire in November and Luke will transfer the money back to operating.

The tourism brochure information which is distributed by Jim Kemper needs to be reprinted. Pat moved the expenditure of \$675 (1,315/2) half the price, be approved by the chamber, Frank seconded it motion carried.

Marc brought the need for 6 additional radios for the special events. Diane moved we spend approximately \$300 for the chamber part of the project. Jim seconded. Motion approved.

Membership of the board was discussed and names surfaced. Included in the list was the idea to expand the board to include a junior member from the High School. Each member was asked to submit 2 names at the next meeting for consideration.

The sign at the north of town is still under consideration. The lease agreement is drafted and approved. The request was presented and we are awaiting approval by the owner. The fence row and pipe would be addressed by the town. The sign would require a permit from INDOT. If the current site is rejected we will continue pursuing this at another location.

New Business

Diane reported on the 175th Centennial celebration plans are moving along nicely. The committee will meet on Sept 22, 2011 at 6:30 at the Community Center to determine the official name. The Centennial meetings will be open to the public very soon. Several ideas were discussed about having representatives from all clubs. Discussion was held about a voting committee and non-voting sub

committees. A suggestion for a logo contest was brought up. It is felt that beyond Ferdinand 175th that we have a local German name for the celebration also.

November 3rd, 2011 Membership event is moving along nicely. The community center is booked. Catering by Meyer will cater. We are seeking company table challenges and door prizes. The chamber will continue discussion next meeting.

The Health Screen originally scheduled for Sept. 22nd was cancelled due to lack of interest at this time.

The Wollenmann House hearing went very well. Many were present Marcia Weyer spoke. 51 Signatures were gathered with comments. There is one more public hearing on September 26th at 4:30 in the Library Community Room

The YMCA open house was very well attended, over 400 people came through. Seventeen new memberships equating 50 new members registered. It was a very positive event, supported by the community.

Alan reported that IDTC is being delayed 12-18months due to changes in the state care of the current residents of their facilities.

Folk Fest is planned for the 18th. It looks like perfect weather and a crowd is expected.

Diane reported that Tonya Brothers Bridges is helping to develop a brochure. There will be a \$25 charge for each photo used by Andrea. Other photos will be coming from Dubois County.

For Christkindlmarkt we now have 37 vendors at the Y, a discussion was held on the concerns about the vendors moving in their wares, with one South entrance and the Main entrance. We will need porters to help. We also recommend that we stagger the loading times to protect the hallway. Perhaps the volunteers from the Y might help. The 37 trucks need to be parked in the school lot.

The next meeting will be Tuesday October 11' 2011 at 7:00 a.m.

There being no further business meeting Luke moved that we adjourn Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

The Names surfaced were Ed Talucci, Chris Welp, Joyce Beck, Chris Tretter, Tonya Brothers Bridges, Roger Corley and Dave Wylam