

Chamber of Commerce  
General Meeting  
March 13<sup>th</sup> 2007

Directors absent: Monique Genchi, Anthony Saggio, Rich Geraci\* (Known absence)

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. following the Pledge. Mark smother gill introduced our guest speaker.

Guest Speaker: Carolyn Villegas the coordinator of outreach services for Brookhaven Memorial Hospital gave background history and introduced Dr. Prichep. Dr. Prichep made a presentation about surgical solutions for weight loss.

Susan Wischhusen read the minutes from the February 12<sup>th</sup> General meeting. A motion was made by Charlie Eggleton to accept the minutes. Rick Drnek seconded the motion, All were in favor. The motion carried.

Susan Wischhusen then read the minutes of the Directors meeting held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Barbara Johanntges to accept the minutes. Rick Drnek seconded the motion. All were in favor the motion carried.

Barbara Kruk read the treasurer's report. Glenn Hollins inquired about the bill from J&M Engraving. Mark stated it was for plaques and 2007 engravings. Glenn Hollins asked that when the treasurer reads the report the expenditures be itemized.

Correspondences:

Robert Bourguignon Thanking Roma Funeral Home

Tri Hamlet Lions: Looking for members

Lerner- Heidenburg: Plans on expansion of Southport Shopping Center-requesting endorsement of the Marshall's project from the Chamber. Pat Peluso made a motion to endorse the project and send a letter to the town. Barbara Giaccone seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

New Member:

Alliance Maintenance and Management, Inc. represented by Rick Perez. This company has been in business for 18 years. This company will be an asset to the community. Joe Asaro made a motion to accept the new member. Corrinne Newman seconded the motion All were in favor. The motion carried. The new members were welcomed and they began the introduction portion of the meeting.

Committees:

**Spring Egg Hunt:** This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year of this event. If you are interested in donating a bike you can drop it off at Cor-Ace the week of the 26<sup>th</sup>. Donations are still needed to fund this free event. We will entertain 800 children.

**Christmas Parade:** Need volunteers a Grand Marshall and the theme will be picked in either April or May.

**Bylaws Committee:** Wednesday Night at 7 pm. Rick Drnek will hold a meeting at the Manor House

**Advertising Committee:** Just completed the flyer for the Spring Egg Hunt. Will use version of the flyer for advertising in local papers.

Membership Committee: James Ng. Chairs this committee he is looking for volunteers you can reach him at [james.j.ng@chase.com](mailto:james.j.ng@chase.com)

Beautification Committee: Chairperson Barbara Kruk would like to use donated space in the South Shore Press for an article on taking pride in the community. The article will also be posted on the Chamber website. The beautification committee goal is to start a campaign "Catch the Pride...it's Contagious" they would like to use a strip mall as their poster boy showing what changes can be made.

Trade Show: Pat Peluso stated that if the trade show is moved to a Saturday then the Bingo Hall would not be available and they would have to find an alternate site.

Old Business: there was no old business

New Business: Glenn Hollins of Kiwanis Spoke about the upcoming Chinese Auction. Tickets are selling fast.

Susan Wischhusen stated that the High School Business Dept will be hosting Career Day on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am-10:30 a.m. If you are interested in meeting with a group of students who are interested in your field and wish to share your expertise please let me know.

Mark Smothergill stated that according to Article VII of the bylaws a list of delinquent members has been compiled and the membership was asked how to proceed. Whether the members should be carried or dropped. James Ng suggested that the members review the list and contact any of their acquaintances personally. Barbara Johantges volunteered to make courtesy calls to the delinquent members.

A motion was made by Barbara Johantges to contact the delinquent members and if they have not made arrangement to pay by the next meeting they will be dropped as members. Glenn Hollins seconded the motion. There was one member opposed. The Motion carried.

Raffles:

50/50: The Chamber raised 165.00 for the 50/50 83 was paid to the winner Ken Wilkinson and 82 went to the Chamber.

Nancy Marks won the chance to draw the Ace of Spade and win 1700.00 but she drew the Queen of Clubs. Leaving 37 cards in the deck.

A motion was made to close the meeting by Joe Asaro. Bob Sinkowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Wischhusen