

Westville Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2007

Attendees: Ron Stallings, Dave Funkhouser, Russ (La Porte Savings & Loan), Wendi Early, Pastor Joan Haney, Mark Parkman, Shelly Barnes, Lou Cass.

Ron Stallings called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed from the November meeting. Pastor Haney reported that the church is now open on Mondays from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dave Funkhouser moved the minutes be accepted with that correction and Wendi Early seconded approval of the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report:

Savings Account

Balance as of 12/30/2006 \$99.94

Checking Account

Balance as of 11/30/2006 \$6363.18

Balance as of 12/30/2006 \$6143.18

Lou Cass moved the Financial Report be accepted and Pastor Haney seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Ron Stallings recommended that the membership considered moving some funds from the checking account into either an interest-bearing savings account or CD. Ron Stallings and Dave Funkhouser volunteered to check with the bank about terms for the CD. Mark Parkman recommended moving \$5000 to a CD for a term of six months with safeguards in place to include at least two signatures of officers on the account for withdrawal approval. The individuals on the account will include the president, vice-president and finance officer.

The spring dinner is to be either on April 12 or 19. Ron Stallings will check with the Legion to see which date the hall is available.

Shelly Barnes reported that we have a candidate for the work-study position at the Chamber Office. Jerry Lewis will be contacting Ron Stallings to introduce the student finalize the schedule for the office.

Dave Funkhouser reported that Jim Bruno from La Porte is bringing Arby's to Westville at the site of the former Taco Bell/Pizza Hut at the BP station. It should open in February.

It was discussed to have a push for items from local businesses for the welcome bags Pastor Haney and Stephanie from La Porte Savings Bank will be assembling. February 1 was set as a target date to have information provided to Pastor Haney at the church.

Ron Stallings reported that discussion at the town meeting has centered around updating the sewage treatment plant vs building a new facility. He reported that an upgrade of the current facility would be necessary for continued growth. He also reported that the water supply is sufficient for future growth. The next meeting is slated for February 4, 2007.

Lou from La Porte Savings Bank reported vendors have been selected for their new facility. It should be open by summer.

The next Chamber meeting will be held at the Town Hall on February 10, at 7:30 a.m.

Dave Funkhouser gave a brief history of the Westville Volunteer Fire Department. They are a busy department and currently have 21 members, including eight first responders. Wendi Early presented a donation to the fire department on behalf of New Durham Estates. He then took the members in attendance on a tour of the fire department.

Shelly Barnes