

Potosi-Tennyson Chamber of Commerce
MINUTES – July 20, 2011

Open Meeting- called to order by President Marilyn Hauth @ 12:06 at the Potosi Brewery
Attending the meeting are the following: Marilyn Hauth of Hickory Acres Farm, Sandy Leibfried of GRHC Foundation, Rosann Bausch of Potosi Brewery, Jodi Beidler of TRICOR/Potosi Gallery, Ina Schaefer of Tandem Tire, Sharon Bierman of Holiday Gardens, Sabrina Lewallen of Tee Pee Childcare, Kim Flesch of Marshall Realty, LuAnn Fecht of Royal Bank, Melissa Bierman of Potosi Schools, Dennis Deiter of Potosi-Tennyson Bank, and Roger Sedgwick of Sedgwick Realty.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve

Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve: no minutes to approve- Carol was not able to make the meeting and didn't have the minutes typed up.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve **SANDY** 2nd **SHARON** .

Committee Reports:

Housing: Rick and Angie Kruser's house is going up- should be finished in the fall.

Village Reports: Sheila Horner is the new village clerk.

Point Project: Still waiting on funds for the Bird Tower

Brewery: Brewfest on the 27th- tickets are still available and are \$35. There will be t-shirts to purchase, live music by Fever River Band, and food available to purchase. There will be over 24 Breweries, 3 wineries, 1 cider company, 1 Distillery, 4 Home Brewers, and possibly 7 cheese companies represented at the Fest. There will also be a bike ride on the 24th- more details later. Lots of Media coverage lately- WMTV, WKOW, and KWWL have all aired segments on Potosi. Marilyn has a link if anyone would like to view the video. There will be music 7/23, weather permitting in the Beer Garden. Don't forget to vote for the Brewery on the web-site that was e-mailed to earlier this month.

Port of Potosi: new ABA President is Larry Boden (SP?)

Museum: The museum is open.

Tourism:

GCTC: www.grantcountytourism.com Minutes are online.

TSTC: www.tristatetourism.com .

Dubuque Chamber: Important info will be forwarded by e-mail to you.

Annual Back Home for Christmas: Discussion on whether or not we will even have the event this year. Holiday Gardens will be closed as they have a wedding that day. Should the event be held at the Brewery/Gallery?? Tabled the topic until August when a decision will be made.

Website: Melissa wants to add links for all of the media coverage Potosi-Tennyson has been receiving. The list of businesses and places of interest that Sharon put together should also go on the website. Cassville Ferry hours should be added to the website as well. If you have any pictures or stories to add- please get them to Melissa or Marilyn.

Any Other: Ina reported on the Catfish Festival. The schedule of events has been distributed. Dave Fritz will be the parade announcer. Port of Potosi members are lining up the parade. There is only one queen entry so far.

Old Business:

Listings of who does what around Potosi & Tennyson- **Sharon completed a rough draft- would like everyone to update their info and make changes if necessary. Also, if there are any additions to the list or let Sharon know.**

Birding Brochure: More \$\$ spent on birding than on sports in the past year. Revenues exceed \$1 million. Cassville ordered 5,000 brochures in Jan 2006 for \$979.00. Potosi got 2,875 about one month later for \$875.00. In 2008, Cassville ordered another 3,000 for \$871.00. Marilyn asked Keith to have the brochure put on our website. Cassville has it on their website and is not ordering anymore brochures at this time. Do we want to order some? The consensus is to wait until the Point Project is complete before ordering brochures. We will want to redesign them at that point- possibly go to a rack card instead of a tri-fold.

New Business: *Brick for School?* Sharon motioned to support the building of the concession stand by purchasing a \$75 brick. Ina seconded. It will say "Potosi-Tennyson Chamber of Commerce"

Once Around of Upcoming Events:

- Hickory Acres Farm, Etc. is making fudge, Gluten Free foods, & Ukrainian eggs
- School starts on the 1st. FB practice starts on 8/3 with the first game on 8/13. VB begins on 8/15 with the first match on 8/20. School registration will be 8/22 & 8/23 from 8-5 at the ES/MS/HS offices. All School Activity code meeting will be on 8/29 at the Holiday Gardens @ 7 p.m. School pictures will be on the 8th of September. Homecoming game is @ 7 p.m. on Friday the 23rd vs. Shullsburg. FB Senior Night is on 9/30.
- Kim Flesch is now with Marshall Realty in Dickeyville.
- Magical Beginnings Childcare will open with the School year. They are doing a Little Caesars Pizza and Gold Canyon Candle Fundraiser during the month of August.
- Roger has taken on a new agent- Darryl Crapp. The Shack is available to rent.
- Holiday Gardens is busy with wedding season- they are busy through NYE. Also looking forward to BrewFest & a September Bridal Show. They had a good turn out for Father's Day- serving about 320.
- St. Andrew Thomas celebrated its 175th anniversary this past weekend (7/17). There were 15 priests and the Bishop was also present. Served about 130 people at the reception after Mass. History of the Church books are on sale for \$18.00- there are only a few left. Gary David has completed the first altar and has started designing the remaining pieces. He did a beautiful job!
- The Gallery is very busy! They are trying to stay open later on Fridays and Saturdays.
- The Brewery is busy as well. The heat this week has helped bring people in. They still need volunteers and greeters.
- Grant Regional has some new Dr's starting in the next month. The Golf outing was a huge success & Sandy is looking forward to Night on the Square Thursday night.
- The road construction project has started. They are still going to take out another 5 or so inches of asphalt before resurfacing.
- The survey taken on the possible construction/addition of an auditorium was discussed. From first glance it appears that the project will not happen this year, as there doesn't appear to be enough monetary support.

Rosann motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sharon seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next Chamber Meeting: Potosi Inn- August 17, 2011 @ NOON.

Respectively submitted,
Sabrina Lewallen, Secretary Pro-Tem

