

Winneconne Area Chamber of Commerce
Member Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2009
Village Pub - Noon

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President, Helen Thomson

Present: Bill Benedict, Dick Schallert, Pete Running, Mary Jo Winkenwerder, Tami Barikmo, Kimberly Stobbe, Steve Sponholtz, Steve Volkert, Andy Beiser, Amy Verkuilen, John Bartow, Brian Gibbs, Dennis Reimer, John Rogers, Kelly Angell, Dorothy Nimmer, Holly Selwitschka, Todd Schober, Helen Thomson

* Approve minutes – motion by Dick Schallert; second by Mary Jo Winkenwerder

* Adopt Agenda - Motion made by Brian Gibbs and second by John Bartel

* President's Report - Helen Thomson asked Dennis Reimer to talk about the questionnaire that is being sent out to area chambers.

- Helen Thomson and Dennis Reimer talked about the class they went to at UWO. They reported that the class was well worth their time. Each class cost \$25.00 per session. The next class will be held on March 24th - Money Management. John Bartow said he will add the schedule of classes to the web-site.

- Helen Thomson attended the first chamber breakfast at Jackie's. She reported that it went well and 3 people joined her. The next breakfast will be April 1, 6:30 at Jackie's Parkside.

- Helen Thomson informed everyone that it has been approved by the Police & Fire Commission to have the car show downtown.. Thanks to the help of Peter Running the paper work has been sent to the DOT in Green Bay regarding closing the street. The Village Board will vote on this once permission has been received from the DOT

* Treasurer's Report- Brian Gibbs suggested to put \$10,000.00 of the chamber money into a 9 month CD. He said the percentage rate is much better at 3.09%.

- Dennis Reimer made the motion to put the money into a CD, second by John Bartow.

*Helen Thomson introduced the speaker John Rogers.

John talked about several areas of the village.

1. Economics - He reported that Steve Volkert had finished the budget and was presenting it to the village board. He stated that there are small business loans for equipment and facade improvements. John also talked about the growth that was happening in the village. Wayne's Piggly Wiggly, the new store behind Subway and an interest in the Industrial Park. He said we are in need of residential growth.

2. Vision - John said the Village will provide clean parks and our job is to bring people in. He reported that the state is talking about replacing the bridge within 6 years. He said that he would like to see the chamber members get involved with the replacement of the bridge and go to public hearings.

After John was finished it was mentioned that we need to go outside of the village to get

more people involved in our chamber. Such as B.D.M and outlying towns (Winchester, Larsen etc...)

Motion was made to adjourn by John Bartow and 2nd by Andy Beiser.

Submitted by Amy Verkuilen, edited by Kathy Grace