

**Halstead Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting
February 1, 2010
USD 440 Meeting Room, 5:30 PM**

Present: Jarrod Panzer, Steve Ratzlaff, Dave Younger, Robb Reeves, Jim VanSchaick, Charles Whitt, and Mary Lee-McDonald.

Absent: Ed Campbell, Bill Charlsen, Nathan Simmons, Joel Flory, Beth Ann Kingsley, Stephaine Snell, and Ryan White.

Charles Whitt called meeting to order.

Minutes reviewed. Dave Younger made a motion to approve, Jim VanSchaick seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report reviewed. Jarrod Panzer made a motion to approve, Jim VanSchaick seconded.

Charles Whitt introduced Steve Ratzlaff from the Dragonbackers. Steve Ratzlaff spoke to the Board about the possibility of teaming up with the Chamber to create interest in the Dragon backers organization. The Dragon backers are currently reinventing the organization by creating By-Laws, and incentives for it's members. One idea for an incentive was the use of Chamber Bucks, the organization is open to the Boards ideas and looking forward to working with the Board. The Dragon backers are an organization that supports all school extra curricular activities. Steve Ratzlaff also reported to the Board that the organization is looking into requested information from Board in regards to the sign coming into town. Charles Whitt announced that he will send out information about the Dragon backers to absent Board members, and that the Board will get back to the Dragon backers on possible ideas as to how the Chamber and Dragon backers can assist each other in the future.

Date is still up in the air for the annual Chamber golf tournament.

Charles Whitt reminded the Board about the upcoming economic development meeting scheduled for February. The meeting will directly follow the Chamber Board meeting. In an effort to make the public aware of the current vacancies downtown an article will run in the Harvey County Independent, with this a survey about what the citizens of Halstead would like to have in downtown Halstead.

Newsletter is coming together and will be issued next week.

Charles Whitt will ask to present information in March to the City Council for a possible sign near HWY 50.

Committee Reports:

Retail Committee- no report

Old Settlers- Jim Vanschaick reported that the committee would be meeting next week and the Gentry Himmerman from the Junior class would be joining the committee.

Membership Committee- Dave Younger reported that the the phone book process would be starting mid February.

Oversight – Charles Whitt reported that the committee is set to meet Marsh 9th.

Meeting adjourned 6:25