

**Halstead Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting
August 21st, 2009
USD 440 Meeting Room
7:30 am**

Present: Beth Ann Kingsley, Ed Campbell, Jim VanShaick, Tom Bishard, Jarrod Panzer, Joel Flory, Bill Charlsen, Alex Williams, and Mary Lee-McDonald.

Absent: Charles Whitt, and Robb Reeves.

Meeting called to order

Minutes reviewed, Tom Bishard made a motion to approve, Ed Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and last minute plans for the annual meeting. Jim VanSchaik and Bill Charlsen volunteered to pick up and deliver chairs to the pool. Masons will be allowed to present information at annual meeting. Board discussed the agenda for the annual meeting.

Meeting time for the Chamber Board will be changed to the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 pm.

Tom Bishard reported that a laptop has been located to replace the current hard drive of the Chamber laptop. Joel Flory made a motion for the laptop to be ordered, and Ed Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Beth Ann Kingsley presented information to the Board concerning the upcoming Arts and Crafts Festival. This year the festival is asking business to create a scarecrow for display outside there place of business. Also the committee is asking artists to paint an 8x8 canvas to sell for a fundraiser to benefit the festival.

Ed Campbell presented the nominees for the upcoming positions that will be available on the board. The nominating commit consisted of Ed Campbell, Mary Lou Allison, and Jim Will. The following are the nominees; Dave Younger from the Halstead High School, Steve Lewis from the City, and Nathan Simmons from the Old Settlers Committee.

Committee Reports:

Retail Committee- Ed Campbell reported that the committee is currently meeting every other week, and that the sidewalk sale is the first event coming up. The sale will be Saturday, September 12th from 9:00-4:00. The committee is also working on the 2009-2010 year budget that will be presented at the next board meeting.

Old Settlers- Jim VanSchaick reported that it was a positive year not only financially but also the feedback from the festival.

Membership Committee- Ed Campbell reported that an ad ran in the Harvey County Independent thanking the current membership. This also kicked of the membership drive. Tom Bishard discussed the continued process of having a Junior member from the High School on the Chamber Board. He presented different ideas on the organizations and the structure that this may need to be effective.

Oversight- Alex Williams reported that the Sports Daily live report that took place Friday, August 7th was great exposure for the Old Settlers even and also the entire community.

Meeting adjourned 8:20