

**Halstead Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 8th, 2009  
USD 440 Meeting Room  
5:30 PM**

**Present:** Charles Whitt, Joel Flory, Bill Charlsen, Dave Younger, Nathan Simmons, Ed Campbell  
Beth Ann Kingsley, and Mary Lee-McDonald.

**Absent:** Steve Lewis, Jarrod Panzer, and Robb Reeves.

Ed Campbell called the meeting to order.

Ed Campbell made a motion to elect Charles Whitt as president of the Chamber Board. Bill Charlsen seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Whitt introduced new board members Nathan Simmons of Chasing History and Dave Younger of Halstead High School.

Charles Whitt asked for nominations for vice president.

Ed Campbell made a motion that Joel Flory fill the position of vice president. Bill Charlsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charles Whitt reported that updates have been made to the unofficial website. He also discussed using Facebook to increase social media. A Facebook page will be set up as Charles Whitt as the administrator.

Beth Ann Kingsley presented information on the vacancies on Main Street and also other commercial locations in Halstead. She discussed conversations she has had with other communities on there approach to filling vacancies in current commercial areas and also the incentives they have in place to encourage growth within the business community. The Board discussed approaching the Harvey County EDC, Bill Ewert, and also the towns of Marion and Hillsboro.

**Committee Reports:**

Retail Committee- Ed Campbell, sidewalk sale in September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is running an ad and has several bake sales lined up. Next event is the Chili Cook Off and salsa contest. The Retail Committee would like the Board to sell pop and water. Charles Whitt and Joel Flory volunteered to head up that project. Another event coming soon is the Halloween Howl. Last year the Board sold food and would like to do it again with another organizations help. Ed also talked about advertising these events more and in other locations.

Old Settlers- Nathan Simmons, the Committee will begin meeting again in November. The Committee will also be creating its' own website.

Membership Committee- Dave Younger, the committee will be meeting soon and discussing where to move next with the membership drive. Dave also discussed bringing on a Jr. member to the Board again. The Board agreed that this would be a good idea.

Oversight - Charles Whitt, the group has not met recently and is waiting on representation from the City.

Minutes reviewed.

Joel Flory made a motion to approve, and Ed Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Dave Younger made a motion to approve, and Joel Flory seconded.

Next meeting set for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34