

ROANOKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Minutes of Chamber Board Meeting
November 8 , 2007

President Dave Harris called a regular board meeting of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, to order at 6:34 a.m. on Thursday November 8, 2007 at Joseph Decuis Corporate Offices, Main Street, Roanoke, Indiana. Dave Harris, John Klingenberger, June Ball, Jim Warner, Alice Eshelman, and Chris Jensen were in attendance.

Dave Harris opened the meeting by asking all attendees to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was no discussion regarding the October minutes. John Klingenberger motioned to accept the minutes as presented. June Ball seconded. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – DAVE HARRIS – CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Dave Harris asked the Chamber Board to review the list of potential candidates to replace the three outgoing board members. Dave Harris, John Klingenberger, and Jim Warner have completed their current term as a Chamber Board member effective December 31, 2007. After considerable discussion John Klingenberger made a motion to nominate Andy Carmichael , Mike Gibson, and Valerie Powers as new board members with a 3 year term starting January 1, 2008. Jim Warner seconded the motion. Alice Eshelman then amended the motion to nominate Julie Reusser as a backup to the nominees. Motion passed.

Dave Harris reminded the group that the next general membership meeting would be December 5 at the Village Inn starting at 6:00. Dave was pleased to report that he would be announcing the Volunteer of the Year-Katie Cochran, Citizen of the Year-Roger Sipe, and Business Person of the Year-Rex Ottinger at the general membership meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A copy of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of October was distributed along with monthly profit and loss statements. Dave Harris made a motion to approve June Ball’s recommendation to take \$1,000 from the General Fund and put the money into a CD Money Market Fund. Alice Eshelman seconded the motion. Motion passed. John Klingenberger made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Jim Warner seconded. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee - Jim Warner – Chairperson

Jim reported that the Chamber membership grew by 23 members in 2007. There are currently 73 members. The letter for the 2008 membership drive has been sent out, and we have already received a record early response to the membership drive.

Farmer's Market – Dave Harris - Chairperson

Dave Harris reminded the board members that the Chamber should continue to seek new vendors/participants to bolster our Farmer's Market in 2008.

Media Relations – June Ball - Chairperson

Dave Harris to mail out a letter inviting all Chamber members to the December 5 general chamber meeting. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Inn.

Christmas in the Village – Michelle Schwieterman – Chairperson

Michelle Schwieterman has finalized preparation of this years Christmas in the Village on November 30 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The festivities will include the lighting of the official town Christmas tree and a visit by Santa Claus. In addition free carriage rides, popcorn, hot chocolate, and Joseph Decuis gumbo soup will be available for those enjoying the festivities. The Cornerstone Alliance Church will be hosting a free breakfast with Santa Claus the morning of December 1.

REDO – John Klingenberger – Chairperson

John Klingenberger was pleased to report that Sherry Rose is completing her four days of interviews with local area citizens and business leaders. Sherry will then put together a report of the information gleaned from the interviews. John predicted that the report would be available by early December.

John Klingenberger reported that REDO was working in conjunction with the Roanoke Town Council to prepare a comprehensive plan for the new TIF District on the east side of Highway 24. Andy Dodzik, Town Engineer, would be asked to examine the flood plain, ingress/egress, and environmental issues associated with such a comprehensive plan. The Roanoke Town Council is considering implementing a formal building ordinance for the Roanoke commercial district.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday December 13, 2007 at 6:30 a.m. at Joseph Decuis Corporate Offices, Main Street, Roanoke, Indiana.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Harris made a motion to adjourn. June Ball seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jensen, Secretary