

GREATER FENNVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MEETING MINUTES: March 24, 2008
Fennville City Hall, 7 p.m.

Board Members Present: Jim Lytle, Bill Busscher, Sandi Busscher, Larry Fuerst, Reid Ruggles, Mary Hill and Martha Wickett-Schrock.

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by President, Jim Lytle

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance

- Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Motion made by Bill Busscher, 2nd Martha Schrock and approved by all.
- Modifications to agenda: -Bill Busscher requested a report of the Easter Egg Hunt. Reid Ruggles wanted to voice his concern and frustration regarding snow and ice removal in the downtown area. Jim Lytle will report this issue to the Fennville City Council at their next meeting. The Chamber also will send reminders to all business owners to keep their business areas clear of snow and ice.
- **Public Comments** ** -
- **By-laws update:** Jim Lytle reported that he is still working on this and should have completed by the next Chamber Board meeting for review by the board.
- **Financial report** – Martha Schrock handed out written financial reports to those present. General Fund \$7,179.03 /Concert Fund \$3,332.60 / Scholarship Fund \$869.60. Martha met with an accountant to go over the Chambers account, program set-up and clarify legalities. Motion made to accept the Financial report by Reid Ruggles, 2nd by Sandi Busscher and approved by all.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Larry Fuerst reported that this event took place inside at Fennville Elementary School on Sat., March 22 and that it went very well. Attendance was down a bit from last year due to inclement weather.
- **Goose Festival:** Jim Lytle reported that the festival planning is under way. Volunteers are needed.
- **Membership:** Martha Schrock reported 76 members.
- **Scholarship:** Martha Schrock reported that she will be meeting March 25 with the Fennville Scholarship committee to assist in the selection process. Donations are down with balance of \$869.60 and \$1000 is needed to give out 2 -\$500 scholarships as past year. Board gave approval to use general fund monies if necessary to meet low goal of \$1,000.
- **Events:** Sandi Busscher reported that the annual Chamber Open House will be hosting this event on Wed., April 23 from 4-7 p.m. at the Fennville District Library in the lower level. Sandi also announced plans made for a Spring Mexican Fiesta Dinner Meeting for the Chamber that will be held on Sunday, May 18 in the upper

level of Su Casa beginning at 5 p.m.

- **Welcome Wagon:** Reid Ruggles reported some difficulty in making arrangements for a planned previous delivery but will be working on getting information of new homeowners to the Fennville area. Any assistance in acquiring information of basket prospects is very welcomed.
- **Public Relations:** Jim Lytle is chair of this newly formed committee. Upon recommendation from Martha Schrock, the chairs of each committee is to give pertinent information to Webmaster, Al LaShell as necessary for posting on the Chamber website along with sending copy to chair.
- Public Comments ** -
- Next Meeting: March 24, 2008 Fennville City Hall, 7 p.m.

. Motion to Adjourn made at 8:23 p.m. by Reid Ruggles, 2nd Sandi Busscher and approved by all.

**Public comments are limited to 2 minutes. The chairman may extend the time at his sole discretion without regard to race, religion or previous condition of servitude.