

**GREATER FENNVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**MEETING MINUTES: October 22, 2007**

- **Call to Order:** 7:00 by President, Jim Lytle
- **Board Members Present:** Jim Lytle, Bill Busscher, Sandi Busscher, Theresa Wiley, Elice Menear, Colleen LaShell, Tom Tucker and Reid Ruggles.
- **Pledge of Allegiance recited**
- **Approval of Minutes:** Posted on web site. Motion to approve: Reid Ruggles, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill Busscher and approved by all.
- **Modifications to Agenda:** --
- **\*\*Public Comments:** - - .
- **Financial Report:** Treasurer, Elice Menear reported a current balance of \$5,156.80 in the general budget, \$868.42 in the scholarship fund and \$1,779.83 in the concert fund.
- **Goose Festival Update:** Elice Menear and Jim Lytle reported that the festival went very well considering the poor Sunday weather.
- **Event Calendar:** Jim Lytle reported that a list of dates and events planned for 2008 is needed now/soon for listing in various tourism guides and calendars. Please send all information to Jim Lytle at [www.fennvilleneews.com](http://www.fennvilleneews.com).
- **Nomination/Vote of New Board Member:** Nomination of Mary Hill , director of The Fennville Public Library was accepted and voted on unanimously by the Chamber board. Mary accepted and began serving as a board member immediately.
- **Resignation Announcements:** Jim Lytle and Theresa Wiley announce that they were stepping down from the board at year end. Elice Menear had announced her resignation at an earlier meeting. We applaud these people for their great service and support.
- **Officer Nominations:** Board members nominated the following persons to serve in the listed offices: President: - No one present is able to serve at this time/ Vice President: Bill Busscher/ Treasurer: Martha Wickett-Schrock/ Correspondence Secretary: Mary Hill/ Recording Secretary, Sandi Busscher  
NOTES: Vice President will assume President duties until a President is appointed as per our by-laws. Any Chamber members willing to participate serving on the Chamber board please contact a board member as soon as possible.
- **Officer Duties:** Reallocation of officer duties will be determined at a later date by

the newly appointed board after membership elections.

- **Chamber Awards:** Nomination ballots will go out to the general membership for Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year awards by e-mail and mail in November. The nominations will be collected by one person. The board will hold a closed meeting to evaluate and vote on award recipients. Awards are presented at our annual meeting on the last Saturday in January dinner banquet.
- **Membership:** Chairman, Theresa Wiley presented a written report listing a total of 79 current paid memberships. Members are posted on the chamber website.
- **Scholarship:** Chairman, Martha Schrock was absent
- **Entertainment:** Chairman, Martha Schrock was absent.
- **Welcome Wagon:** Reid Ruggles that a basket delivery is set for this week.
- **Website:** Chairman, Theresa Wiley presented a written report citing that the committee met on Oct. 2 with webmaster, Al LaShell to evaluate our site and make necessary changes.
- **PR:** Chair, Reid Ruggles questioned need the this committee at this time. After discussion the board made the decision to dissolve the PR committee.
- **\*\*Public Comments:** Colleen Rae gave information of a new neighbor as a recipient of a Chamber Welcome Basket. Chairman Reid Ruggles will get additional necessary information and arrange for a basket delivery.
- **Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Tom Tucker at 7:36 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Wiley and approved by all.
- **NEXT MEETING: Mon., November 26, 2007 at Fennville City Hall**