

**RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009
Called for 6:00 p.m.
At the Riverside Public Library**

<i>Chamber Board</i>	David Moravecek	President
	Rick Rovella	Vice President, Events Coordinator - Absent
	Keith Wright	Vice President, Membership
	Dave Vesecky	Vice President, Publicity & Public Relations
	Dorothy Sikora	Secretary
	Eric Sundstrom	Treasurer
	Holiday Stroll Chair	Brian Brennan - Absent
	Car Show Chair	Rick Rovella - Absent
	Steak Fry Chair	Eric Sundstrom

Called to order by President, Dave Moravecek at 6:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

18 members were present, including Kevin Wachtel and Jean Sussman with the Village of Riverside.

Future Events

Next month's meeting will be held at the Chew Chew, beginning with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Riverside Arts Fair is set for May 16 & 17, 2009. In 2008, Chamber contributed \$2500 as a sponsor. This will be reviewed at the next meeting. Erin Malloy, the consultant for the Fair will be present to answer any questions and discuss logistics.

A post card will be sent out to all members advising of upcoming meetings and events for the next 6 months.

Treasurer's Report

Eric Sundstrom presented the Treasurer's Report. Current checking account balance is \$11,878.46. He is preparing the final bill to the Village of Riverside from the EDC which should be around \$3000 for 2008. Mr. Wachtel asked that it be delivered as soon as possible.

Secretary's Report

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 16, 2008 was passed out to all present, reviewed, and with a motion from Olga Sylvester, seconded by Alex Gallegos, unanimously approved, will stand as recorded, and will be posted on the Chamber's website. The current month's minutes are now being sent as an attachment to the email reminder of the monthly meeting for all to peruse before the meeting.

Chamber Old, New and For Good of Discussion

The question of how successful the "Visit with Santa" event was. President Moravecek

thought there were about 50-60 attendees. Brian Brennan will report this information.

President Moravec advised he has received an email request from Sheila Gentile, who is coordinating candidates for community group visits, requesting to have the candidates appear at a Chamber meeting. He will suggest the March meeting for this visit along with any other candidates who request the same.

Keith Wright presented copies of the invitation to join the Chamber letter he is sending out, and the latest Chamber ad in the local newspaper with the center ad promoting membership. Membership dues for 2009 are arriving.

A brief discussion regarding the current cancellation of Riverside's annual 4th of July parade and 3rd of July concert in the park ensued. Due to finance constraints, the Village has removed both events from its budget. A grass roots effort by Joanne Kosey is in the works and some ideas like charging for the concert; soliciting sponsors both large and families; less costly staging and musical entertainment; etc. were suggested. Anyone interested in becoming involved should contact Mrs. Kosey.

Dates for the Cruise Nights and Steak Fry were selected. The three monthly Cruise events are set for the 2nd Thursday of each month: June 11, July 9 and August 13. Rick Rovella is working on the Sunday date for September.

The Steak Fry is set for Friday, June 19th. The ticket price will be raised slightly and ideas for the way the food service is set up will also be addressed. The Library as again volunteered to be a ticket sale site.

The question of the lighting of the Forest Avenue bridge status was brought up. More information will be sought and presented.

Additionally

Olga Sylvester announced the upcoming Riverside Infant Welfare Benefit event: Shake, Rattle & Roll, on February 7, 2009, at the Cheney Mansion in Oak Park. Tickets are \$80 and include an open bar, antipasti, live music, and gambling. Contact Beth Gazzolo at 447-8407 for tickets.

The meeting concluded at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Sikora, Recording Secretary