

Minutes
February 12, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Vice President, Gary Gray.

Roll Call: Gary Gray, Dan Bialas, Lee Mortimer, John Farrand, Harry Conant, and Joanne Craddock present. Kent McCauley not present.

Minutes: at this time, we do not have the minutes from the previous meeting on January 8, 2007.

Presentations:

Laura Howard of Bronson Vicksburg Hospital shared with us all the great services BVH still has to offer.

Pam Hughes and Trischa Carr from the American Cancer Society Relay for Life gave a presentation on a Relay occurring for the first time ever in Vicksburg. The event will be held June 30-July 1, 2007 at the High School track. Anyone interested in getting a team together or if you'd like to be a corporate sponsor, please contact Pam at 349-8719.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report given by Lee Mortimer. Not including any Ice Festival income, the available operating balance is \$7,295.70. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Dan Bialas, seconded by John Farrand. Motion carried.

Marketing Report given by Joanne Craddock. Joanne was greatly encouraged by the number of visits to the website involving the Ice Festival. The site is being well utilized now. We are also down to the last of the Visitor's Guide/Community Directories. We'll look at doing a new one in a few months. Joanne would also like to thank Carrie Henderson from the County Wide Newspaper for covering our festival. She wasn't able to make it in person due to the weather, but was going to do a follow up article.

Membership Report given by John Farrand. We welcome Dan Pryson and Kristina Powers-Aubry back.

Events Report given by John Farrand. The Ice Festival appeared to have a greater turnout this year based on ticket sales. The event was a big hit despite the bitter cold and blowing snow. Thanks to everyone who helped out. The committee should have more details at next month's meeting.

Economic Growth- no report.

Old Business:

Bandshell- per John Farrand, Karen Fulton will be working on this project independently of the Vicksburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

New Business:

New members applications in the past week are DY Mortgage (Donny Yant) and Double L Bait & Marine. Welcome!

Chamber Chat idea- Joanne Craddock discussed an e-mail from David Eichaker, a Vicksburg Police Officer, offering to present an Identity Theft seminar. John Farrand will follow up with David and get this scheduled.

Board Members- Due to the resignation of two board members, we have two positions to fill. One term has approx. 1 ½ years left, and the other term is approx. 2 ½ years. If you are interested in filling a position, please contact Kent McCauley, Joanne Craddock, Lee Mortimer, or Gary Gray.

Discussion- Board Members will come at 5:30 for a half hour closed discussion prior to the next Board Meeting.

Next meeting March 12, 2007 at 6:00 pm at Main Street Pub.

Motion to adjourn by John Farrand, seconded by Dan Bialas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

By Acting Secretary Joanne Craddock