

**Minutes of June 5, 2007 Meeting  
Olivet Community Chamber of Commerce**

Meeting was called to order by President, Becky Ramage.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes were circulated and accepted as printed.

President Ramage acknowledged new member in attendance, Diane Housley. She was welcomed by the group.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Publicity-** Ed Heator outlined his goals for upcoming newsletters. He plans to have one out each two months. He would like to include things that HAVE happened as well as those things that are planned for the future. The goal is to show things that have been accomplished by the Chamber.

He also revisited the idea of having some type of signs on the highway to showcase what Olivet businesses. He feels this is vital for our business district. He will do some research on this subject.

**Membership-** Becky Ramage reported that to date we have 70 Chamber members. This includes 12 new members. We have lost seven members from last year.

**Community Center-** No report.

**College Report-** Ed Heator reported that the college has approved allowing the chamber members to park cars again this year at college games.

Ed Heator reported that the college has agreed to pay on behalf of the chamber \$500 towards the annual ad campaign with the County Journal that we will be entering into for the upcoming year.

**Fundraising-** Becky Southern reported that she has distributed flyers for the Talent Show through out downtown. The group approved placing one ad for the Talent Show in the County Journal. Becky Southern will contact Travis at the paper to place this ad.

**OLD BUSINESS** Becky Ramage discussed the Ad Campaign in the County Journal. A representative from the paper will be contacting members with information concerning the campaign and what each business's commitment will be.

The first draft of our new directory has been printed and screened by Becky, Cindy, and Mandy and has now been sent to Bruce at the college. He will provide us with a rough draft to proof before the final draft is printed.

The downtown mulch project has been completed.

Becky Ramage recognized and thanked the chamber volunteers who parked cars at Olivet College Commencement.

Nite on the Town is scheduled for Monday, August 27th.

Ben Hart suggested trying to recruit some high school students to help with parking duties at the college football games. We are normally stretched thin with the volunteers we have to cover the two parking areas. We agreed to further discussion at our next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Brian Vicary from Independent Bank has asked Becky Ramage to see if the chamber members have an interest in having informational meetings similar to the special meeting we had on health care. He has an interest in providing a Financial Investment meeting.

Diane Housley shared that the Marshall Chamber usually has a speaker at each of their meetings.

The members in attendance showed interest in pursuing these special meetings.

Becky Ramage is working on obtaining Chamber of Commerce stickers to provide to members to display. Diane Housley also suggested providing "Dollar" certificates to new members which is something that the Marshall Chamber does.

Paula Bashore reported that she will try to set a date in February for next years Cabin Fever Blues Festival

Janet Degroot reported that she is planning a 100 year anniversary celebration for her business, Pine Lake Resort. The date is scheduled for 8/18/07. She invited the chamber to participate and would appreciate anyone who would be willing to help.

Meeting adjourned 7:05

Members present: Becky Ramage    Cindy Waun    Becky Southern    Diane Housley  
Sarah Sowles    Larry Marsh    Paula Bashore    Shirley Peterson  
Ed Heator    Mandy Persons    Ben Hart    Janet Degroot

**OLIVET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Finances**

**6-5-07 to 7-3-07**

**Income**

Dues	<u>195.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	195.00

**Expenses**

Allegra-talent show brochures	36.00
Postage-mail newsletters	41.00
Oaklawn Hospital-Comm Center-July-September	<u>150.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	227.00

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$7,712.83
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$7,680.83