

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of meeting held April 28th, 2009

The April 14th, 2009 Odessa Chamber meeting was held at the Old Town Hall. President Ed Hayden led the flag salute and the minutes from the previous meeting were read. A Treasurer's Report was given later in the meeting.

President Ed Hayden began the meeting by asking Bier garten chairman Justin Parr for a Fest update. Justin reported that everything is on track with the Bier garten. They will provide the same types of beer as in the past through Odom. Terrie Schmidt-Crosby mentioned that Michelle Melgren is interested in co-chairing the food committee.

The meeting then moved to old business in regards to the meeting location and food. Justin mentioned that he has spoken to several of the restaurants in town and they are not willing to cater the meetings. Scotty Ossman then offered to prepare the meals if they were still to be held at the Old Town Hall or the banquet hall. It was decided that a vote will take place at the May 12th meeting as to the location of the meetings and the food that will be served and/or provided.

The Chamber website was the next topic of conversation. Tom Clavel reported that he has been in touch with a company that specializes in posting websites for Chamber. The service is \$88/mo, with a 30 day trial period. Tom, along with Chris Brandkamp, will continue to look into this option and report back.

The meeting then moved on to new business with President Ed Hayden updating the Members on Mary Graves; Ed will probably reschedule her to come speak with the Chamber during the month of May. Ed also mentioned that a new Vice President will need to be selected to fill the now vacant spot.

Norm Ott brought up the "Welcome to Odessa" signs and said that he had spoken with the DOT in Spokane regarding the location of the signs. Norm reported that the DOT indicated that there was a size limitation and that the signs had to be in the city limits. Scotty and her committee are continuing to work on this project.

Terrie Schmidt-Crosby mentioned that she had gone to a recent school board meeting in which the school cut backs were discussed. Terrie suggested that the Board spearhead a fundraiser or donate funds to ensure that the High School Band can accompany the float at the Lilac parade.