

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Meeting held February 12th, 2008

The February 12th, 2008 Odessa Chamber meeting was held at the Rolling Thunder Saloon. The minutes were read from the previous meeting, and there was not Treasurer's Report.

First order of business was the election of officers. The nomination committee made the following recommendations: President: Jerry Schafer, Vice President: Norm Ott, Secretary: Aimee McKay, Treasurer: Melissa Schafer, Directors: John Strohmaier, Mark Barglof, and Steve Braun. Nominations from the floor included Mark Barglof for President, Ed Hyden for Vice President, and Don Strebeck as a director. Since Mark Barglof was not present at the meeting, his name was not considered in the nominations. New officers elected were: President: Jerry Schafer, Vice President: Norm Ott, Secretary: Aimee McKay, Treasurer: Melissa Schafer, Directors: John Strohmaier, Don Strebeck, and Steve Braun.

Next topic of discussion was the float. Jerry Schafer suggested again sending out donation requests to the community to decorate the float and help with expenses. Peggy Tracy of the float committee asked that she be given a list of those who donated so that the group could send a thank you to those individuals. It was also mentioned that a budget would need to be prepared for the estimated costs for the float.

Ron Costlow then gave an update on the ORV committee. The committee will be meeting with the Lincoln County Economic Development Council on February 19th to discuss the designation of primitive roads in the county for ORV use.

Chris Brandkamp of the website committee gave an overview of the three options available to the Chamber for the website. The first option would be to use a template to update the existing website, the 2nd to hire an independent website designer to design the site, and 3rd, hire a Spokane firm to completely build a new site. The cost associated with this 3rd option will range from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Regardless of which option the Chamber goes with, updated information would need to be collected from the community and local businesses. It was suggested that the Odessa Record personnel use their resources to help keep the website current.

The conversation then turned to the topic of committees and the need for open communication between the Chamber and those committees. It was voiced that the Banquet committee thought they were over stepped in the discussion making process regarding the annual banquet. The committee members are now unsure if they would participate in organizing the event, as it was felt that their input was not longer needed or wanted. It was decided that the committee would get together to discuss the possibility of organizing the event and would report back at the next meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

