

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Meeting of February 14, 2006

The meeting was held at the Old Town Hall. Following the flag salute, the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

President Nancy Glines reported that the Odessa Town Council has agreed once again to sponsor a Spring cleanup day, with the town hauling away old appliances, furniture and yard waste. The Chamber needs a chairperson to coordinate the Town's efforts with those of the school and other citizens to make the cleanup day a coordinated community effort. The Chamber will again feed the cleanup workers a meal at noon on the Friday before Spring Break (March 29).

Priscilla Derr introduced the three young ladies from Odessa High School who are vying for this year's Miss Odessa crown. They are Sarah Greenwalt, Cassandra McClure and Casey Winfrey. The program will be held on Sunday, March 12, in the school's multipurpose room. The Chamber members also passed a motion to donate \$2000 from its advertising budget to the fund used to decorate the float that the girls will ride on at area celebrations in the spring and summer leading up to Odessa's Deutschesfest. Peggy Tracy reported that the float committee has chosen "Jazz It Up" as a theme and encouraged members of the Chamber and the community at large to help with the decorations. The committee is working hard to stay within its budget and conserve money wherever possible.

The March 11 date for the Chamber Banquet turns out to conflict with other events, so the committee has rescheduled it for April 1. Since the banquet date was changed, there will be no special meeting on February 28 for election of officers. The election will be held at the regularly scheduled March meeting. The banquet committee also passed out ballots for voting for the Chamber Person of the Year. The results will be announced at the banquet. Bids have been received for catering the banquet, and the committee is looking into also hiring a band.

The nominees for Chamber officers are as follows:

President:	Nancy Glines
Vice Pres.	Norman Ott
Secretary:	Terrie Schmidt-Crosby
Treasurer:	Carol Bell
Board:	John Strohmaier, Mark Barglof and Dave Frederick

Tom Clavel reported that there is now a link from the OdessaWa.com website to the OdessaChamber.net website. Tom requested once again that people email him any and all pertinent information for posting to the website. April Strebeck also volunteered to help update the Chamber website as new Deutschesfest information becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Schmidt-Crosby
Secretary