

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Meeting held February 26th, 2008

The February 26th, 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.

Vice President Norman Ott began the meeting by having Laura Estes give an update on the Spring Fling Quilt Show. Laura asked that the Quilt Club is notified of any other events that are going on for the weekend so that they can advertise for those events as well. This year the featured quilter is from Grand Coulee and there will be over 150 new quilts to look at, along with vendors.

Aimee McKay then read a memo from the Banquet Committee informing the Chamber that the committee had decided to decline to participate in this year's event. Reasons for the decision included scheduling conflicts, as well as some details for the event having been already planned.

The next topic of discussion was the website. Tom Clavel has a proposal to share with the members next Tuesday, March 4th at 12:00 in the saloon. Mark DeWulf asked for a brain storming session to discuss what context should be used to attract new businesses into town. It was mentioned that the Town of Odessa's website was being rebuilt by a woman from Harrington and that the Town and Chamber should try to work together in the process of redesigning the sites.

President Jerry Schafer then spoke regarding his recommendations for the Chamber Banquet. Jerry suggested setting a permanent date for the banquet perhaps electing officers earlier in the year. He would also like German dinner with all food establishments in town participating, a business meeting during the banquet, and a guest speaker. Jerry also mentioned increasing ticket prices so that the event would have a larger profit margin. Tom Schafer felt that there are too many variables to set a permanent date and that the banquet was a way of the Chamber saying thank you to the community members for all their help during the year; therefore the purpose of the event was not to gain a profit margin. It was decided that Jerry would appoint a new committee to plan this year's banquet.

The meeting was then adjourned.