

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of meeting held July 14th, 2009

The July 14th, 2009 Odessa Chamber meeting was held at the Banquet Hall. In the absence of President Ed Hayden, Director Steve Braun led the flag salute and gave a Treasurer's Report of \$3,242 in checking and \$69,406 in savings. The minutes from the previous meeting were not read.

First topic of discussion concerned the "This is Odessa" annual publication. Terrie Schmidt-Crosby said that we have at least 1,000 copies left over from last year. If we cut the number of copies the printing cost will be decreased. Terrie estimated the cost to be around \$1,750 for 2500 copies. It was also voiced that we should considered going to brochures in the future. Justin Parr made a motion to print 2,500 copies of the "This is Odessa" publication. Viki Iverson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Justin Parr then gave a Fest update. He said that the beer has been ordered and that there will be two different types of German beer. He is also working with Dennis Frederick to perhaps move from cash to chips. There is also a strong possibility that the music in the beirgarten will shut down one hour earlier on Sunday. Steve also passed along the message from Melissa Schafer that they will be doing a limited menu at the Kraut Haus.

Jason Schumacher proposed doing the kitchen in a different way from past years. He would like to lease out the kitchen for a flat fee and damage deposit. His business would then run the kitchen and take the profit. This would allow Jason to have different types of products available and to concentrate solely on the kitchen instead of trying to be in charge of the kitchen while still running sausage sales outside of his business. Doug Plinski suggested have the arrangement be a partnership and perhaps to do the fee based on a percentage of profits. Terrie Schmidt-Crosby made a motion to partner with Voise Sausage by Schumacher to run the kitchen on a trial basis with the details being worked out later. Doug seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Terrie Schmidt-Crosby mentioned that the sound system does not seem to be working. Justin will look into it as soon as he can. Doug asked the Chamber to consider doing some maintenance and upgrades to the banners, inside of the biergarten, and the Odessa "O" on the hillside.

The meeting was then adjourned.