

## **Odessa Chamber of Commerce**

### **Minutes of Meeting held July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

The July 10th, 2007 Odessa Chamber meeting was held at Chief's Bar and Grill. The flag salute was followed by the treasurer's report and the minutes from the previous meeting.

April Strebeck started off the meeting with an update from the Fest committee. A community work day is scheduled on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 with a BBQ following. Lindsay Starkel is in charge of the pickles this year. April indicated that they usually begin making the pickles sometime in the middle of August. If you are interested in helping, there will be signs around town with information. The Preschool is interested in again having the rock wall at fest. It costs \$1,500.00 and the Preschool has a couple of different options to come up with the money. The first would be for the Chamber to pay for the wall and take any profits that is made off of it, and the second would be for the Preschool to collect donations from the local businesses, with only a small charge, or none at all for children to use it. Todd King mentioned that he didn't see local businesses having a problem with donating money to the Preschool for the wall, with the Preschool then using the wall as a fund raiser for the organization.

Jerry then reported that the Stumpjumpers had donated \$1,000.00 to the Chamber, another \$1,000.00 to both the fire department and the Friends of the Pool, and \$100.00 to the fire department bus. The Chamber has sent the group a "thank you" for the donation.

Next order of business was a close look at downtown businesses and how the Chamber could attract new businesses to the area. A suggestion was made to contact Pam Kelley from the Lincoln County EDC for assistance. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to schedule an evening meeting with Pam to discuss how Odessa can bring more businesses to town.