

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of meeting held March 10th, 2009

The March 10th, 2009 Odessa Chamber meeting was held at Chief's Bar and Grill.

President Jerry Schafer led the flag salute and then turned the meeting over to President-elect Ed Hayden. The minutes were read and Justin Parr gave the treasurer's report, reporting \$2,268 in checking and \$76,346.24 in savings.

Pricilla Derr spoke to the Chamber on behalf of the Miss Odessa Pageant. She indicated that there were five girls running this year, and that the pageant will be held at Christ Lutheran Church at 2:00 on March 15th. Kathy Taylor will be in charge of the judging and Leslie Fink and Ellen Holman are on the advisory board. The queen and the four princesses will be traveling to about 12 parades, with the Lilac Festival and the Moses Lake parades being the largest they will participate in. Because the float only allows for three girls, they will take turns attending the different events. Pricilla requested that the Chamber donate \$500 to the Pageant, allocating \$100 for each girl, for their sashes, tiaras, and traveling outfits. Kim King made a motion to donate the funds, Tom Schafer seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The 2008 royalty then thanked the Chamber for their past support and presented a picture, with Peggy Tracy and Dale Ramm also receiving a picture for their help over the year.

Peggy Tracy then asked the Chamber for funds to build the 2009 float. It was imperative to start the project as soon as possible as the first parade was the 3rd weekend in March. It was decided to move forward with the current amount budgeted for the float, with the remaining about to be decided by the Chamber at a later time.

Michelle Melgren gave an updated for the 2009 banquet, which will be held March 21st. She announced that the FBLA needs a head count to plan for dinner and tickets are currently being sold. Chris Brankcamp will be the Master of Ceremonies and David Plate will be the guest speaker from Moses Lake. Mr. Plate will be speaking on the topic of keeping businesses thriving during hard economic times.

Kim King mentioned that the EDC will meet on Friday, the 13th, with the five entities to discuss which projects are best for Odessa.

The Welcome to Odessa signs were the next topic of discussion. Tom and Doris Wilson have donated not only the column rock, but also the placement of the column rock. Tom Clavel will call the DOT to follow up on regulations regarding the placement of the signs.

The meeting was then adjourned.