

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Board meeting held March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Odessa Chamber Board meeting was held at Chief's Bar and Grill.

Members present for the March 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting are as follows:

President Jerry Schafer, President-Elect Ed Hayden, Vice President-Elect Scotty Ossman, Secretary Aimee McKay, Board Member Steve Braun, Board Member-Elect Vickie Iverson, Board Member-Elect Justin Parr.

President-Elect Ed Hayden went over the goals for the year, stating he'd like to revisit the Bylaws and perhaps update them. He would also like to focus on three events/four projects to accomplish during the year. Other goals include an enhanced website, member incentive, guest speakers, and a possible sister city.

It was also brought up to perhaps change the meeting location to a non-bar atmosphere in order to make the environment more visitor friendly to those underage/guest presenters. Scotty mentioned that the Banquet Hall was available for \$25/meeting and beverages would be provided with that price. It was suggested to look into using the Old Town Hall, which could possibly be used from free, and also had a more professional environment. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

It was also decided to have the Board meet on the first Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise needed. The first Board meeting will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next topic for conversation was from President-Elect Ed Hayden regarding the membership dues for Non-profit businesses. Ed stated that he has talked to several other Chambers that require their non-profit businesses to pay dues; it has been the practice of the Odessa Chamber to not charge the fees for non-profits. It was decided to discount the price for these organizations and Steve made a motion to reduce the business membership fees to \$35.00 for non-profits. Scotty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.