

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Meeting held May 8th, 2007

The May 8th, 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 reported on the behalf of the fest committee. She stated that a decision needed to be made regarding whether or not the Chamber supported having the NW Classic Motorcycle Club here during fest. The group would perform on Sunday of the festival from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. There is also the possibility that the finals could be held in Odessa during this time. April mentioned that the Chamber would need to provide the location, fencing, and seating for the motorcycle rodeo with the only expense to the Chamber possibly being the cost of the fence, which would be approximately \$120.00 to \$150.00. There is also a chance that the fencing would be donated, which would eliminate any costs. Refreshments for the participants and spectators would also probably need to be arranged. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to further pursue the group coming to fest. It was agreed that the refreshments topic would be discussed at a later time.

Peggy gave an update on the float committee, and stressed that there is a need for drivers. The float will be in 12 parades this year, with drivers signed up for 2 of those parades. Peggy said that a CDL is not required and any interested parties could sign up at city hall or call her for further details.

Jason spoke briefly about the sausage booth at fest. He indicated that a plate of sausage that is sold for \$4.50, costs \$1.97. With these figures the booth should have grossed about \$10,000.00 in sales during fest, with costs of \$7,400.00. It was again brought up that more controls and accountability need to be in place for the booths. April brought up the point that sausage coupons are given to the indoor and outdoor bands, which would alter the figures, as would the sausage plates that are given away for prizes. It was suggested that the till in the booth be counted each night and its income be separate from that of the whole biergarten.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.