

# BREMEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## MINUTES FOR

January 13, 2010

### Mission

*The mission of the Bremen Chamber of Commerce is to unite local businesses in an effort to advocate and support economic vitality while cultivating community prosperity and quality of life in Bremen, A Good Town.*

**Person Presiding:** Bill Davis (President)

**Regular Members in Attendance:** Trent Miles, Randy Walter, Scott Graybill, R.T. Henke, Steve Weaver, Phyllis Van De Keere, Janet Anglemyer, Todd Zeltwanger, Kathy Crowell, Dana Pierce, Mike Tatich

**Others in Attendance:**

**Approval of November 11 minutes:**

Janet Anglemyer made a motion to approve the December board meeting minutes. Scott Graybill seconded the motion.

**Treasurers Report – Phyllis Van De Keere**

Phyllis Van De Keere presented a written report of the December financial statement. As of January 13, 2010 the Bremen Chamber has \$6,818.40. Scott Graybill motioned to accept the December treasurers report. Bill Davis seconded the motion.

**Chamber Coordinator Report – Trent Miles**

**Membership Drive Update:** New literature has been created for the 2010 membership drive. As soon as membership applications are finished and printed, the information packets will be mailed. Everything should be complete by Monday, January 18, 2010.

**Member Benefits Program:** The Member-to-Member benefits program launched on January 1, 2010. Ten Chamber members are giving benefits as of Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. Further work will be done to include more Chamber members in this program. The 2010 membership application will feature a Member-to-Member section to inform and call to action current and potential Chamber members. Initial reports are sounding great.

**Visitors Guide 2010:** Alliance Marketing group has approached the Chamber in regards to sponsoring a Bremen page for their 2010 Marshall County Visitors Guide. Phyllis Van De Keere motioned that we fund the Bremen advertorial at a cost of \$1,000. Scott Graybill seconded the motion.

## **Community Development Conference IV – Bill Davis**

**February 2010:** The Bremen Chamber will hold the fourth Community Development Conference on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Senior Center Conference room (103 N. Center St). The meeting will recap past efforts and highlight plans for moving forward. The meeting will last one hour.

### **Other Business**

**Plymouth Chamber Changes:** The Executive Coordinator for the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce recently resigned. The Plymouth Chamber is taking this time to review their mission and values.

**Trash Days:** The Town of Bremen will be holding their annual Trash Days, May 14-15. This year a new service, document shredding, will be available.

**Membership Dues:** A discussion of the current membership dues schedule progressed into a motion by Phyllis Van De Keere to increase dues by 10% for 2010 in light of the initiatives and strides that the Bremen Chamber has taken in 2009. Steve Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**A.M. Bremen:** Todd Zeltwanger introduced the Chamber Board to the idea of an A.M Bremen networking opportunity. The idea was well received and Trent Miles will begin making arrangements for the first A.M. Bremen.

**Next Meeting:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 AM at the Italian Coffee Bar.