

West Union Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
February 10, 2009

Members present: Jane Blumhagen, Kristine Kirvachek, Brian Reichter, Deb Merrill, Cheryl Meyer, Emily Ihlen, Robin Bostrom

Secretary was late, missed first part of meeting.

The financial report was reviewed. Motion by Meyer. Second by Kirvechek. Approved

Main Street West Union is submitting an application of a Challenge Grant for improvements to the exterior of the Chamber building. Matching funds are required to submit the application which would be approximately \$35,000. Motion by Reichter, second by Ihlen to proceed with a loan to secure the matching funds, pending grant approval. The board voted to have Kevin Brockway do the work, if the grant is received.

There are 3 Chamber member seats that need filled. Jane is staying until they are filled. There are a couple of people being contacted. Gary Steinlage is already off.

A e-mail vote was taken in January to decide if the current 2008 Miss West Union should continue her reign. There was an incident involving drinking. The vote was to terminate. She did not fulfill her responsibilities. That leaves the question of what to do with the scholarship. Should it be split between the other two candidates? Motion was made not to give the scholarship away at all for 2008. All approved.

There are some green shopping bags left. The sponsor fees paid for the bags. Chamber paid for the printing. At this point they have not broken even.

Bids are being let out for the flower barrels provided to Chamber members. Robin will send out requests for proposals to area garden centers.

Dairy Days - June 6, 2009

Entertainment – Kristine K.

El Camino band is available for \$1,000 (2008 was \$800) Gave go ahead to book them.

Food/Venders – Emily I.

Parade – Brian R., will see if Gary Steinlage will help

Beer tent – Main Street will take care of this

Miss West Union – Debbie M.

Fireworks – there is a survey on the West Union web site asking when West Union should set off their fireworks, July 4th or during Dairy Days. Not many have filled it out. Needs to be done soon.

Adjourn.

Next meeting will be March 10, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Merrill, Secretary