

**Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 7, 2004
Kilmarnock Town Office**

Present: Matt Shifflett, Carroll Lee Ashburn, Fred Burke, Sylvia Vanlandingham, Carolyn Smith
 Jamie Alga, Shawn Donahue, Lee Capps, Suzanne Keyser
Absent: Bob Wille, Dianne Gutknecht

Matt called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$4,562.89.

Old Business

Main Street Project

Lee presented and reviewed with the Board the 90% plan for the Main Street Project. He discussed that this would be in phases most likely from March to October 2005 and would possibly hurt some businesses as the project was being done in their section of Main Street. He reported that from a work session of Council that they were in favor of a Merchant's Association or Property Owner's Association to help through this transition. The Board unanimously approved the 90% plans for the Main Street Project.

New Business

Carroll discussed trying to get members of the Red Hat Society in for a Red Hat Day. He suggested a flyer with Chamber members listed, and if they carried Red Hat merchandise. It was also discussed that perhaps we could give away a \$25.00 voucher or cash for gas. It was decided that the gas voucher might not work as more than one might be driving. It was also mentioned that if we had e-mail addresses for chamber members we could alert them to when the group(s) would be coming in. Carroll will pursue trying to get some of these groups in.

Employee of the Month

Johnny, a bagger at Tri-Star was chosen for September

New Business Proposal

Shawn reviewed with the Board the proposal he has for a miniature golf course on School Street. He will be deeding some of the property to the town for use as a possible turn lane off of Main Street onto School Street. His course will be a natural park like theme and should be opened in March 2005. He hopes to be able to let groups use it for fundraisers. There was a motion by the Board to endorse his proposal.

Christmas Parade

Shawn asked for permission by the Board to ask Kiwanis for a one-time donation of \$1500.00 for the Christmas parade in addition to their man power. The Board approved his request.

Miscellaneous

There was the discussion of the property coming into town possibly being used for banners to announce Chamber events. Shawn indicated that we could use the property at his building coming into town for banners.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be held on October 5, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzanne Dix Keyser-Recording Secretary