



**2/7 Board Meeting Minutes  
8:30 a.m. Thumb National Bank**

**Roll and Call to Order      Time: 8:30 AM      (P-Present; A-Absent; E-Excused)**

Burnette, Angela	P	Fernald, Aaron	P	Mulligan, Kevin	P
Cooper, Holly	E	Kreeger, Joey	P	Osentoski, Carrie	P
Easterling, Karen	P	Kruse, Cindy	P	Stec-Barnes, Kim	E
Falatko, Mike	A	Luth, Jim	P	Walsh, Sue	P

**Introduction of Guests:** N/A

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from January were presented. Karen Easterling made a motion to accept the minutes as read, which was seconded by Jim Luth, and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Angie Burnette presented the Profit and Loss for December, and the budget for 2012, as decided on by the committee. A \$0.50/hour raise and 20 paid hours off for Dee Mulligan was proposed. A motion was made by Jim Luth, seconded by Karen Easterling, and passed unanimously to approve the raise and the time off for Dee Mulligan, as well as the Profit and Loss and the 2012 budget. It was also brought up by the budget committee to look at two items to perhaps cut costs. They were to change the phone to a cell phone for Dee instead of the land line and to look at the insurance policy. Dee will do research on both of them and get the information back to the board.

**Unfinished Business/Committee Reports:**

**Paint the Town Pink Final Update:** As previously reported, Pinktober was finally closed out and the check is ready to go. Joey Kreeger will get the address the money is to be sent to to Dee Mulligan. Dee will also put the amount that was donated in the paper so that people will know how well we did.

**Haunted Happenings Final Update:** Due to group consensus, we are tabling the Haunted House for the future. We will revisit the idea as we get closer to the time, but are going to look for other fundraising events that are more lucrative and less time consuming.

**Christmas in the Village Update:** Dee explained that the Christmas in the Village bills are almost all in, and it looks like we came out positively for the event. It was decided that the craft show next year will be at the high school again, possibly in the gymnasium this time. This year we did have an issue regarding cost. The bill came from the event and the rental was \$600, with most of it being the cost of having two custodians there all day. Dee called Jeff Hartel, and he said that we should not worry about it and he would talk to the maintenance company and offer to split it with them, and he would take out the amount from the general fund. He said he would contact me if it was to be any different. Dee will fill out the form to use the gym and cafeteria next year. Aaron Fernald offered to come in and open the building next year and stay so that there was not a need for a custodian during the day. That way there would be no financial issues.

**Love for Lexie Update:** The two items that the Chamber donated to the event sold for good prices. The event was a huge success by all accounts.



**Membership Drive:** Dee could not email the member list for the Board as it is in a program called "My MailList" which does not allow exporting or removal of information to another format. Dee printed up the list and the Board went through and picked ones that they wanted to work with. Dee will go through the lists handed back to her and send a final list to all Board members of their group of members.

**NAIER:** Tabled

**New Business:**

**Change to Event Dates for 2012:** Due to some community issues, the Chamber Dinner date has been changed to Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make note of that on your calendars.

**Week for the Little Guy:** Dee discussed this initiative that has been developed between the Chamber and the DDA and passed out the fliers that have been sent out. Dee and Vicky, from the DDA, have been going to businesses and explaining the program. It was suggested that the whole initiative be unveiled at the Chamber Dinner. Dee will do her speech on the initiative, to make people aware of it. It was also suggested that we have Prographix make signs for the big white stands made by Karen Easterling's husband that could stay on the street in front of the business during their week in the spot light.

**Website:** Dee is working to update the website for 2012. If you come up with suggestions or new ideas for the website, please email her or bring it up at the meeting.

**Citizen of the Year:** It was decided to have another silent auction at the dinner to help raise money for the Junior Citizen Scholarship fund. We are a little over \$6,000 and need to get to \$10,000 to be self-sustaining. Katie VanAuken will resend the donation letter.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 9:30 AM was made by Angie Burnette, seconded by Karen Easterling, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Falatko  
Chamber Secretary