

**Sidney Chamber of Commerce**  
**Minutes**  
**July 21, 2008**

The Sidney Chamber Commerce met on July 21, 2008 at Whips at 12:00. Brian Whipple hosted the meeting on his newly and professionally refurbished deck area.

Members present were: Crain & Ann Eberly, Brian Whipple, Brenda Loewe, Sharon Yahnke, Teresa Hardy, Vickie Smith, Jaye Johnson, Bill and Patricia Penn, Randy Moreland, Gene & Edna Eaton, Randy & Jackie Monroe, Rev. Dr. Roger, Lynda Cruickshank, Richard Moreland, Mike Ross, Dave Collins, Tad Nenneman, and Lynn Benson. (may have missed anyone who came in later)

Guests present: Cara Morgan candidate for County Supervisor. Youth: Blaine Moreland, Luke Nenneman, and Dillon Thorne

President Randy Moreland called the meeting to order at 12:20.

Cara Morgan spoke about her background and her plans to work as a County Supervisor. Randy Monroe also spoke about his background and plans for development in the county.

**I. Secretary Report** Motion by Bill Penn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Collins to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**II. Treasurer's Report** Motion by Randy Moreland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn Benson to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

**II. Correspondence:** none.

**III. Old Business:**

**Pancake Breakfast:** Report by Randy, Vickie and Teresa – Everything went flipping well! Please note that Chris Johnson was seen beating up pancake batter! The event was this morning - the last day of the county fair and sponsored by Farm Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce. Excellent turn out of Chamber members. Randy recommended that we invest in some new, safer grills and a large coffee pot before next year however.

**Signage Project:** A Tourism grant for \$2000 for the new welcome signs has been awarded. (See news release in the Argus Herald.) The committee plans to apply for a Fremont County Foundation grant as well which is due in September.

**Rodeo Parade:** Bleachers are being moved out to the parade route. Committee needs to meet and decide who will be lining up people and handing out vouchers for reduced price on Rodeo tickets. Next year consider having a "Theme" to the parade.

Motion by Dave Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Penn to request that the Rodeo Board find volunteers to hand out vouchers. Motion failed to pass.

Mike Ross volunteered to assist with vouchers. Lynn and Marilyn Benson were selected to be the Grand Marshalls of the parade. (This was a secret ballot as Lynn was present at the meeting!)

**Farmers Market /Open Air Building:** Randy Moreland reported that the small metal shelter has been installed on the City's vacant lot next to the Cowboy Cabana. The City and the Chamber would each paid \$452. The Ambassador will use it to shade their residents who wish to watch the parade. No fee for use by local vendors. Post as "Public Use" not as a "Farmers Market". Plan to move Flea Market back up to the square and off of the Rodeo grounds next year.

**Tourism Grant to the city for planning:** Mark Travis and Anna Priebe from the city office are waiting for a written report from the assessment team. \$150 still needed from volunteers to pay our share of the grant.

**Calendar Project:** Order sheets are ready for Birthdays and Anniversary Calendar. Motion by Mike Ross and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Moreland for everyone to bring their cell phone to the next meeting and make about 10 calls during the meeting. Motion passed.

#### **IV New Business:**

**Promotions:** Motion by Pat Penn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynda Cruickshank to have a large banner printed that says "Welcome Sidney Chamber of Commerce" to put up at events sponsored by Chamber. Motion passed.

**City Sand Volleyball Tournament:** Get a reservation form off of the Chamber Website.

**When:** August 15th 2008 - 6:00pm and August 16th 2008 - 9:00am (rain dates 22nd & 23rd)

**Where:** Sidney City Park

**Why:** Proceeds go to new park equipment for the city park

Teams of four with one female required

\$50.00 entry fee Prizes for top 3 places

Single elimination/final four is double elimination

Beer Garden, Burgers, brauts, hot dogs, and beer will be for sale

Limit of 16 teams, 18 or older Entry forms due July 31st

**Golf Tournament:** Brian Whipple has been checking on possible dates. Several tournaments already planned. Maybe we will set a date for September or October. City voted to share cost of golf tournament approximately \$260.

**Recruiting new members:** Randy Moreland and Dave Collins still are working on Hillside Orchard to joining the Chamber and working together on the Farmer's Market idea. Cara Morgan offered to join.

#### **VI Reports and Activities**

**Web Page:** Mike Ross from Blurrr Designs reported that there have been 453 hits in July!

**Rodeo Museum Board:** Roger Kissel reported that a Vision Iowa Grant had been submitted for the project and that the County Supervisors committed to \$20,000 towards the project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynda Cruickshank, Secretary

**Chamber Calendar:** <http://www.sidneyia.net> (click right on the calendar to see what is happening!)

August 6<sup>th</sup> Chamber Coffee at the Farm Bureau office.