



## October 2, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Aaron Mayfield, DJ Sims, Dee Mull, Scott Soderstrom, Augustine Iacopelli, Sasha Poell, Dr.Milt Peppinger, Richard Craft, Sarena Robideaux, Karen Fitzmier, Brad Heyen.

Meeting was called to order.

There were no new members in September.

Shane was absent for the city report. However, Karen did update us about a couple of items. The city has begun the hiring process to find a Deputy City Administrator to help the Mayor. Growing community...growing responsibilities! Karen also talked about the NW bypass and the fact that the council is pushing for an alternate route around the city. Since it is probably 20 years out it is not pressing but something they are still working on.

The superintendent gave an update on USD266. The school board has begun the search for a replacement superintendent. They are asking for public input and will be hosting a public meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Additionally, he was very excited about an increased focus on career and technology for students. Students in grades 7, 8, 9 would take an interest and skill inventory assessment and then would start "clusters" of courses designed to focus on a certain career and skill. While not committing them to bypassing a 4 year degree at graduation, it will enhance their ability to earn a good wage while in school. For those not desiring college, they would have a skill set that should make them be able to earn a nice living.

Sasha Poell gave a Fall Festival update. The chamber is the sponsor of the pancake feed on October 11<sup>th</sup>. She believes the 5-6 volunteers she has signed up from 5 am to 11 am should be sufficient. Chris Cakes will be running the cooking; we just need set up, service, and PR! We will serve from 6:30 to 9:30. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$5 for kids. Sasha has flyers and asked everyone to post them in their business. It was discussed that we should advertise in the Eagle. Sasha will look into the cost and even what they could do free...such as their Friday "GO" section. A Vermillion Kindergarten class drew pictures which we are having printed for placemats at the feed. We also awarded the top 3. MACC will not have a booth at the Fall Festival, but will have brochures at the city table.

Scott gave a treasurer's report. There were 5 deposits made in September and the ending balance was \$4,645.38.

DJ brought up the fact that the board had discussed moving the meetings from Pizza Hut Bistro to the City building. The concerns were: 1) We will outgrow the Pizza Hut room soon. 2) We could bypass the food and the distractions that come with it. A positive of switching to the city building would be increased interaction with the city. We had thought about changing the time to 11:00 as well. People could go to lunch afterward that way. Please give us your feedback on this topic!

DJ also mentioned we had discussed making our November meeting our social event with a tour and mixer at Emerson Biggins. Our social committee is going to discuss after the fall festival and will communicate the plans!

MACC tshirts, which the chamber has purchased for everyone, should be here before Fall Festival. Upon receipt we will communicate with everyone on distribution. Our first MACC polo shirt order has been placed and should arrive in about 2 weeks. We can order these anytime. You can email [www.promodepotonline.com](http://www.promodepotonline.com) to place your order or email the chamber secretary.

The board is requesting that the chamber website have a link added to route people to the city of Maize site as well as the Lion's club.

Our Member Spotlight was Aaron Mayfield with Commerce Bank. Some highlights about Aaron was that he was born in Winfield, undergraduate from K-State, was a Wichita police officer, received his Master's from WSU, and has been in banking for the last two years. Aaron is also teaching at WSU in his spare time! If you have any questions for Aaron or Commerce Bank please email him at [Aaron.Mayfield@commercebank.com](mailto:Aaron.Mayfield@commercebank.com).

Meeting was adjourned.