

**Edinburg Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
October 22, 2009**

In attendance: Steve Wood, Cynthia Morris, Sue Horne, Donna Smith, Michelle Heier, Fran Romeo and Linda Druffell.

Meeting called to order by Steve Wood at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes: approved by Mr. Wood

Treasurer's Report: Given by Ms. Heier (temporary treasurer) approved by Mr. Wood.

New membership: Ms. Heier stated that the Chamber has 4 new members as of 8/27/2009, they are: Wightman Insurance, Kiblers Furniture, The Filling Station and Theater Shenandoah.

County Chamber: No report. Mr. Wood approached Fran Romeo about becoming the Edinburg representative for the County Chamber.

Website Design: There was much discussion regarding the website status of construction, Mr. Wood asked that Ms. Culler be contacted to get the status of the new site. The members present was concerned about the amount paid to Ms. Culler versus what is being done. Ms. Morris wants Ms. Heier to find out more about the site. Ms. Romeo made comments that she could have a website up and running in 48 hours and the cost would be much cheaper than what has been agreed upon with Ms. Culler. The members wants the website live by November 1, 2009, as they feel that proper advertisement is not being done for the upcoming holiday events.

Banquet: The banquet had to be cancelled do to lack of ticket sales. Anyone who paid for their ticket was reimbursed the cost back. In January or February, Mr. Wood would like to have a committee in place that can begin to work on the banquet at that point.

Board of Directors: Steve Wood, Tracy Miller, Cynthia Morris, Sue Horne, Bill Smith, Donna Smith, Michelle Heier, Mary Embrey and Pat Bennett. Mr. Wood stated that we need to work on membership, as the Board of Directors needs to expand. The by-laws state that the Chamber has to have 12 members.

Victorian Christmas in Edinburg: Mr. Wood reported the Christmas Parade is December 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. and line up begins at 4:00 p.m. (This is a correction from the August Minutes). The Chamber will also donate \$100.00 to the Central High School band for performing at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Parlor Tours are scheduled as follows: Candle light tours are on Friday, December 11, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (This is a correction from the August Minutes). The following businesses have agreed to provide tickets and information/maps for the candlelight parlor tours for \$10.00 per person beginning November 14, 2009: Edinburg Antiques and Tea Room, Edinburg Village Shop, Watchful Tiger, Natty's Nook and Fran Romeo & Co. Ms. Morris provided card stock and bright green paper for information and maps. Ms. Heier stated that she and Ms. Embrey would take care of printing the tickets and informational sheets in office. Ms. Horne provided an update on the flags that will be used mark the homes that will be on the tours. Ms. Horne is pricing materials needed and will check with a couple of avenues before making a decision on the best one. Ms. Romeo stated that her business is doing flags and will give a price as well. It was decided among the members that the flagpoles are to be 5 feet tall and the flags 18X24 in size. The color was chosen as Christmas Green, the only word that Ms. Morris was adamant on having on the flags was "Tour". Other members were undecided about another form of wording on the flags. The wording will be put on with reflective paint to make it easier to see at nighttime. Ms. Heier informed the Chamber that Mr. Harshman will be doing a quarterly newsletter and the information regarding A Victorian Christmas in Edinburg will be in that. Members were questioning about the outreach of the newsletter, Ms. Heier informed the members that the newsletter is only mailed to current residents of Edinburg who have water service with the Town. Ms.

Morris also updated the members on the Annual Christmas Social to be held on Thursday, December 3 at 5:30 at the Edinburg Village Shop. This is a member only event. Ms. Morris said that everyone is to bring a dessert or finger food or both. Ms. Morris will be serving hot apple cider and anyone wishing to bring other beverage may do so, as it is a BYOB. There will be Poinsettias purchased by the Chamber to be given as door prizes, Ms. Horne will take care of this. Ms. Morris stated that she would also donate two bottles of wine to be given away, one red and one white. Ms. Romeo will check into having the scouts help this year with lighting the luminaries during the parade. Last year, it was very difficult to try to have them all lit by the end of the parade. It was much discussion on ways to redo the luminaries this year to make them easier to handle. Ms. Heier stated that last year there were luminaries that caught on fire and parade watchers had to stomp out the fires.

Mr. Wood announced that the 2010-Yard Crawl would be on Saturday, August 14th.

Mr. Wood stated that at a later meeting, the members would revisit the summer concerts. Ms. Horne made a comment that this needs to be done after the holiday to allow ample time to prepare and we need a venue to draw a good crowd.

Mr. Wood also stated that the meeting in November would solely be done for the upcoming Christmas events.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Michelle F. Heier