

Seven Lakes Area Business Guild
Seven Lakes Country Club
March 8 at 5:00

The Seven Lakes Business Guild meeting for March was called to order by President Les Murray with 13 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Phil Cook reported that the road testing has been paid for and we have \$541 in the community development fund which leaves us a little money for potholes. We have \$4,524.77 in the general fund. Noting that we pay Evergreen \$400 per month to maintain the commons plus an electric bill each month, we will be a little bit tight in the event of additional expenses for the year.

The results of the road testing will be sent to Chuck Dumas at DOT. Once he has time to look at them, we will talk with him to see where we are with the roads.

On the web site - Kim Tew will bill us for her time at a rate of \$20 per hour for any work she does on the site. Les Murray stated that he will be running an ad on the site in the future.

Clean up - It might be a good idea to go through the village and actually do some cleaning up. Trash along the road sides is getting to be a problem. Les will provide the trash bags and get a trailer to pick up the bagged trash. The Beautification Committee may be willing to work on this also. Les will also check with a boy scout troop. Mike Bernard says his group (Modern Woodmen) also works as volunteers to help with projects like that.

Mike Spayd reported on a possible social evening. It would cost around \$20 per person which includes tax and tip. Drinks of tea or coffee would be included but mixed drinks would be an additional cost. We will put it on line with a pending sign-up to see if we have enough interest to continue planning. It would be a Saturday evening and you would bring your spouse or a friend. He also suggested perhaps we could do a cookout.

There are spaces available on the large sign and several people have stated they would like to be on it. Phil Cook will keep a list of businesses who want to be included. There will be a form to be put on the web site and emailed so that we can give membership a chance to get on the sign. Mike Hillegas asked about the number of spaces available and what happens if more people want on than there are spots available. Phil Cook stated it would be a first come - first served.

Les suggested we put the price of advertising on the web site so that membership knows how much it will cost. He suggested we also offer a one-year rate in addition to the shorter term rate already agreed upon. Tyler Horney made the motion that \$150 be the price for a year. Phil Cook seconded and the motion carried. Kim Tew

reported that we have had 302 hits in the last 30 days. The internet is becoming more and more effective.

Village Tomorrow - Les is looking to get together with the heads of the committees to work on the small area planning. The current zoning for the area is that "like businesses are encouraged." What we are proposing to do is limit businesses we don't want rather than suggest what types of businesses we do want. If you have businesses you prefer not be here, e-mail your thoughts to Les and he will gathering a list. As an example, one of the things we don't want would be an adult book store.

Mike Hillegass reported that most of the businesses he has spoken to regarding the Guild are already members. He suggested that we offer renewal based on a year from when you actually joined. Les suggested prorating the membership the first year to get them into our cycle. Mike Hillegass made the motion that we prorate our memberships based on \$150 per year rate. Phil Cook seconded it. The motion was voted on and carried. The full membership is the only one to be prorated. This will not apply to the associate membership.

Mike Bernard suggested some form of decals for Guild members which could be placed on building or car windows. We will look into the price.

Les Murray presented a plaque to Phil Cook as outgoing president. Phil thanked all the people who helped him last year.

Bill McNeill mentioned the growing potholes at Grant and McDougal again. He will call the DOT for the potholes at the corner of McDougal and Seven Lakes Drive. Phil Cook will call Marsh about the others.

Next months meeting will be April 12 at 5:00 hosted by JuBilee Screen Print.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,