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JULY 2006

MEET YOUR CHAMBER BOARD

Casey was born right here in Pine City and lived here nearly all her life. There were a few years that she lived in both Duluth and Edina, but in 1987 she returned to Pine City. Casey and her husband Harold have lived at "Andersonville" on Cross Lake since their return to Pine City. They are parents of four children and proud grandparents to eight grandkids, all who live in Minnesota. Casey has been involved in both the Little Miss Pine City & Miss Pine City programs over the years and still serves as an advisory member to the current committee of volunteers. She also prides herself on being a "fashion nut" and enjoys playing bridge with many different groups or relaxing to do a little reading. She also enjoys her role as a Pine City Ambassador to welcome new businesses to Pine City.



Casey Anderson

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri., July 21 **"Yawo" performs at Art in the Park,** 6:30-8:30 pm (Sponsored by the PC Arts Council)
- Thurs., July 27 **Dale Carnegie Seminar,** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (Sponsored by the PCACOC)
- Thurs., July 27 **Senior Citizens Ice Cream Social,** 2:00 pm (Sponsored by the Cross Lake Association)
- Friday, July 28 **"Jolly Zuks" performs at Art in the Park,** 6:30-8:30 pm (Sponsored by the PC Arts Council)
- Tues., Aug. 1 **PCACOC Board Meeting,** 1:00 pm
- Aug. 2 - 6 **Pine County Fair** (Sponsored by the Pine County Ag Society)
- Sat., Aug. 5 - **Pine County Parade,** 4:00 pm (Sponsored by the PCACOC)
- Aug. 17 - 20 **Pine City Celebrates it's 125th Birthday**

For more information on any of these events visit our website at www.pinecitychamber.com and visit the Calendar of Events page. If your organization has an event that they would like to include on the website, please contact the Chamber Office.

PINE COUNTY PARADE, AUGUST 5, IS FAST APPROACHING

The Chamber office is a whirl of activity getting the final line-up ready for this year's Pine County Parade. We have received nearly 100 entries this year. With many new and exciting units, this year is sure to be a success. For those units that have sent in your registration, you should be receiving your final unit confirmation letter and parade position by email or regular mail by July 25, 2006. All participating units are REQUIRED to check-in at the central registration table at Pine Technical College.

This year's parade route will be the same as in previous years. It will begin by entering from Railroad street to travel around the east, north and west sides of Robinson Park, entering 3rd Ave to proceed east to Main Street where it will travel South along Main Street to Hillside Ave where it will end. Everyone is reminded that once again there will be public use trash cans provided along the parade route. This service will be donated by Pine City/Hinckley Garbage Service a division of East Central Sanitation.

The Parade Committee is still seeking convertible owners that are interested in being in the parade to serve as a host for visiting royalty and dignitaries. If you are interested, please contact the Chamber Office at 320-629-4565.

TEAM SPACE STILL AVAILABLE FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce is welcoming all chamber members and their employees to participate in our 10th annual Golf Social. The tournament will feature prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams as well as a number of other prizes, including the opportunity to win a Hole-in-one Car. There are only FIVE team spaces available. To sign up your team or for information on donating door prizes, please contact Becky at the Chamber office at 320-629-4565.

DAIRY DAYS EVENT A SUCCESS

Last month's Dairy Days at Art in the Park was a successful event. The Chamber would like to thank the following people for their assistance in making this event possible. The Pine City Lions, John Skluzacek, Brian Stolt (Federated Co-op), The American Dairy Association, Wal*Mart, Miss Pine City Candidates, City of Pine City, Lynda Woulfe, Harvey Lindstrom and each and every person that attended.

RESERVATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, JULY 21

Have you been putting off making your reservation for the Dale Carnegie Seminar on Thursday, July 27th? There is still time to be included in this exciting networking opportunity. Reservations will be accepted through 12:00 noon on Friday, July 21st so don't miss out!! Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the Seminar will begin at 12:00 on July 27th. Walk-in's for the seminar will be accepted. For more information on the cost for walk-in or to make your reservation contact the Chamber Office at 320-629-4565.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

As the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce strives to make a difference in our business community through seminars, fundraisers and support of our area businesses, we must remember to thank all of the chamber members for their continued support. The year is quickly passing us by and with each passing month we find more new businesses that are willing to "Catch the Spirit" with us in 2006. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest chamber members. Judy Soderstrom with Soderstrom Realty and the United Methodist Church of Pine City & Brook Park. Welcome back our returning members, Nicoll's Café & Car/Truck City.

To View the Complete Chamber Member Business Directory: www.pinecitychamber.com



FAREWELL 2005-2006 PINE CITY ROYALTY

On Monday, July 17th, the new 2006-07 Royalty was crowned, and the reign of the 2005-06 royalty came to an end. We would like to extend our best wishes to the outgoing royalty on all of their future endeavors and thank them for their outstanding representation of the city of Pine City over the last year. Thank you to Christine Wagner, Megan Zastera, Becky Osterdyk, Jacqueline Crawford, Arianna Silva, and the parents of these fabulous girls. Your outstanding service as ambassadors for Pine City has been memorable.

THANK YOU TO RED DOG BILLY'S BAR & GRILL

The Chamber would like to give a thank you to Jeff Flaherty of Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill for serving as the first host to the Business "After Hours" event that was held on July 13th. We thank you for your support of the Pine City Chamber. Watch our Calendar of Events and your email for details on the next "After Hours" night.



CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Todd Cummings

The mission of the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote economic development and business in the area.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, July 11, 2006

PRESENT:

Chamber Officers and Directors: Cindy Bostrom-Dahlin, Frank Christopherson, Todd Cummings, Stacey Foster, T. Janet Musgrove, Bruce Nelson, Patrick Schifferdecker, Cheryl Schroeder, Trevor Teich, Christine Wagner, and Becky Schueller, Secretary.
Chamber Members: Kim Pierson & Alicia Labarre, Pamida; Mayor Jane Robbins; Sue Carlson, Golden Horizons; Judy Soderstrom, Soderstrom Realty
Chamber Guests: Betsy Carpenter
President Cummings called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

AGENDA:

President's Topics: President Cummings began today's meeting with a discussion of the inquiries that have been received regarding our brochure display rack. In its current location, the Chamber office, it is not being utilized to the fullest. Voyageur Bottle Shop has contacted us about putting the rack back into their location now that the renovations are completed. Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill as well as the City of Pine City have offered their locations. Action: Becky will facilitate the moving of our display rack back to the Voyageur Bottle Shop as well as getting some brochures to City Hall for use in their lobby. Also discussed was the status of the Miss Pine City float storage. A situation with our current storage has developed that will raise the rental fees from \$295/yr to \$600/yr. A discussion followed about finding alternative locations for storage and some possibilities include: Additional Storage, Inc., Rock Creek Mini Storage, and Karen Ripperton. Action: Becky will follow-up with these companies to inquire about rates.

Mayor Jane Robbins, 125th Birthday Celebration: Mayor Robbins expressed a thank you to the chamber for organizing the button sales and assistance with working on the 125th Birthday Celebration. She noted some important changes that have been made to the schedule for the weekend of activities including the *High and Mighty Band* that will perform on Friday, August 18th is sponsored by the Pizza Pub, First National Bank & First Insurance Agency and there will be no cover charge. For a complete list of activities, stop in to the Chamber office and purchase your 125th Birthday Button for only \$5.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Becky reported on our membership activity since our June meeting. Renewed memberships include Nicoll's Café & Car/Truck City. New memberships include Soderstrom Realty and United Methodist Church of Pine City & Brook Park. Frank inquired on the status of Gardner Custom Woodworking, Becky reported that there was no response but she will contact again. Treasurer's report was distributed and items of interest were the NovoPrint map commission was received and the donation to the City of Pine City for the new banners is to be paid out. Treasurer's report was approved (TJM) and seconded (PS).

Dairy Days Final Report: Frank reported that the Dairy Days event this year, despite a few grill problems, was one of the most profitable that the Chamber has experienced. A big thank you to Harvey Lindstrom & Becky Schueller for bringing in their personal grills to help out until the big grill got going. All 336 hamburgers were sold and we could have sold more! It was a very successful event. Thank you to all those that donated their time and talents, including the Miss Pine City candidates, your help was much appreciated.

2006 Pine County Parade Update: T. Janet presented an update on the status of the parade to the board and brought a list of jobs that she will need help with on parade day. Pamida has offered the use of 6 walkie-talkies for the day of the parade. Registrations for the parade have reached 85 units and T. Janet and Becky have begun setting the parade line-up. Confirmation letters will be mailed out next week. Any unit still wishing to be entered into the parade will be placed at the end of the line-up as the registrations are received. All parade volunteers are asked to arrive at the Chamber Office at 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 5 for any final parade assignments.

Dale Carnegie Seminar: Cindy reminded all Chamber Directors and Chamber members that the next seminar, "Shoot from the Hip, Speak from the Heart," will be presented on Thursday, July 27. Lunch will begin serving at 11:30 and the seminar will begin at 12:00. Registrations are still being accepted until July 21st. To register, contact the Chamber office at 320-629-4565.

Business "After Hours": Cindy reminded all Chamber Directors and Members that on Thursday, July 13, 2006 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm, our first "After Hours" event will be held at Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill
Voyageur Statues: Cindy presented one of the *Special Edition* statues that will be available at the Art Fest on July 15th and possibly at the 125th Birthday Celebration. Cindy recommended charging \$39.99 for the statue, motion was seconded (FC) and passed. At this time there will be 20 statues available for purchase.

Golf Tournament: Cheryl reported that we now have 9 teams confirmed for the August 18th tournament; we still have 6 team openings available. All hole sponsor's have been secured for the tournament and a number of raffle items have also been donated. If all team slots are filled, the projected profit from this event will be \$2,670.00.

Miss Pine City Committee: Betsy shared with the committee a number of events coming up this week for the Miss Pine City candidates. The Basket Bingo will be held on July 13, a Business Brunch on July 14 and coronation will be held on Monday, July 17. A reminder was also made of the Royalty Reception, hosted by outgoing and current royalty will begin at 2:00 pm on August 5th prior to the start of the parade.

EDA/Star Forum/HCP: Frank reported that the EDA/Star Forum has completed 40 Business Retention & Expansion surveys of our area businesses. They have decided to use the University of MN to compile the data of the surveys. Frank also reported that he was contacted by Jerome Misik recently. Misik had previously received a scholarship from the Chamber of Commerce when he was attending PTC. Misik shared with Frank that he is now working at a successful business, doing well, and wanted to return his \$250 scholarship back to the Chamber in order for it to be utilized as another scholarship for a worthy candidate.

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 1:00 pm
Motion was made to adjourn at 2:07 pm (FC) and seconded (CBD).

Respectively submitted by
Becky Schueller, Chamber Secretary/Treasurer

Current Chamber members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. All interested and potential Chamber members also are invited to join us on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. NEW TIME IN 2006! New Chamber Office location is at 900 4th Street SE, #112. Meetings are held in the VR Conference Room, #113 at Pine Technical College; use the east entrance of the building.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Todd Cummings, President
(Cummings Auto Center)
T. Janet Musgrove, Vice President
(Coldwell Banker Results)
Casey Anderson, Director Emeritus
(Newton Manufacturing)
Julie Anderson, Director
(Pine City Municipal Liquor Stores)
Frank Christopherson, Director (US Bank)
Angela Baker, Director
(Customized Health and Nutrition)
Cindy Bostrom-Dahlin, Director (CD Entity, Inc.)
Sharon Fore, Director (Pine City Pioneer)

Stacey Foster, Director (Pine Technical College)
Beth Iallonardo, Director (Wal*Mart)
Mary Johnson, Director (Wal*Mart)
Bruce Nelson, Director
(Culligan Water Conditioning)
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(North West Co. Fur Post)
Cheryl Schroeder, Director (Horizon Bank)
Trevor Teich, Student Director
(Pine City High School)
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(Pine City High School)