

Wellsville Chamber of Commerce  
November 8, 2011

Today's meeting was held at Smokey's BBQ loft with a great lunch provided by the Linder's and Bakers.

There were 31 people in attendance. We had 7 new faces at our meeting; Kelsey Cooper and her brother from Patriots bank, Scott Moore, Alec Watson, and Sam Wilpur from the high school choir, Donna Wasserfallen from the United Methodist Church, and Heather Maier from My U.S. Network.

The last month's minutes were approved by Wayne Linder and seconded by Mike Mustain.

Our treasurers' report is: \$7320 is our checking & \$6269 is savings as reported by Susan Driskell.

The Wine & Brew mixer was a huge success at Kim & Jim Hoehn's house. Everyone brought great donation items to auction off and Brandon Otto did a wonderful job with helping us raise over \$1700. And we're still waiting to hear how Jay Allemang's date goes. ☺ We moved to buy a \$50 Smokey's gift card for Brandon by Jason Walrod, and Kim Hoehn seconded the motion.

The fire fighters had a great turn out for the Hallowesta. They served over 350 hotdogs at the park with all of their carnival games. While hallowesta was going on there were 4 fire calls and left 3 people to run the event. They had great feedback with it being at the park and had an awesome day for it.

Susan Driskell brought up an idea that we (chamber) provide a lunch for our volunteer fire fighters sometime after the holidays. Kim Calderwood suggested it be on a Sunday meeting because those are longer and involve trainings.

Holidays in Wellsville is approaching very quickly! It's scheduled for Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kristin has 31 craft booths signed up and still taking lots of info calls about it. She only has 2 houses signed up for the homes tour and if anyone would like to volunteer to show theirs please contact Kristin Adams. During the day she's got dancers performing and signers on the stage.

For the Christmas tree lighting, which is Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the elementary choir will be singing again and that will be in the parking lot by the City Hall starting at 6:00.

The choir members came and promoted their program and are trying to raise money for their Branson trip. There are 70 choir members in the school this year and it costs about \$360 per person to attend this trip. They are having multiple fundraisers to help with this cost, including their potato dinner at the Holiday's in Wellsville starting in the commons at 5:00. The cost is \$5.00 a meal.

Kristin moved we donate \$100 to the choir, and Susan Driskell seconded the motion.

During the Holidays in Wellsville, the FBLA will be having their annual Christmas mall for the kids to come and purchase their parents' gifts. They will gift wrap the presents for the kids, and are asking if anyone has any extra gift wrappings, or bags to please donate them.

Our local tree farmer Harry Peckham participates in Trees for Troops. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of November all of the trees donated will be delivered to over 60 military bases across the country and the goal among the tree farmers is to get 100,000 trees donated. Usually it's around 16-17,000. It cost \$5 per tree if anyone would like to donate to the cause. Jeanine motioned we donated \$100 to help and Jason Walrod seconded.

The Pleasant Ridge tree farm opens Thanksgiving night for their annual light display and on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> it opens to the public to cut down your own Christmas tree.

Our next meeting will be at the City Library on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and it's pot luck. Please bring your own food, and we'll provide the eating supplies. During our meeting we'll be having a white elephant gift exchange to enjoy our holidays! Hope to see everyone there!