



September 19, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Introduction & Opening:

The September meeting was held at Mamacita's and hosted by the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce. Clifton Stapleton opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Member companies present were: Ashley Furniture, Cemex, Coleman, CISD, Detex, Fedex, Hawkins Personnel, McKenna Health Systems, NB Chamber of Commerce, Owens-Corning, Priority Personnel, Star Manufacturing and TXI.

Guests present were John Malik, Alex McInnis, Jim O'Connor, George Sciloff, Shawn Souline and Jay Milliken.

New Business:

Clifton and Rusty thanked everyone for their participation with the trade show. The show was an overall success and we received some membership applications. The minutes for the last meeting have been posted on the web-site. Anyone who does not receive email notification for minute postings should contact Paul. Paul Webber provided an update on the organization's finances.

Committee Reports:

- Fundraising:
 - o The golf tournament for the fall has been cancelled due to lack of participation with the committee. Rusty mentioned that United Way is hosting a golf tournament. Anyone interested in having a team in the UW tournament can contact Rusty.

- Scholarship:
 - o The scholarship committee has chosen for students to receive scholarships:
 - Luby Bailey
 - Brooke Livingston
 - Heather Mulkey
 - Maricela Jaimes
 - o We will invite these recipients to the next meeting for a formal presentation.

Membership:

NBMA has received three applications for membership:

Ameridrives – *Manufacturer*, mfg industrial couplings & drive shafts

State Bank – *Associate*, banking service

Alternative Benefit Solutions – *Associate*, employee benefits

Alex McInnis from State Bank and John Malik from Ameridrives introduced their respective companies. Clifton opened the floor for discussion on the applications. Mike Lovay motioned that we accept all three companies for membership. Frank Salinas seconded the motion. The motion was passed by voting members.

Featured Program:

Frank Salinas introduced Jay Milliken, Comal County Commissioner & Chair of the Air Resources Improvement Committee for ACOGS. Jay discussed the Air Resources Improvement Committee's efforts to improve air quality and the efforts for community awareness. Air Quality Health Alerts are issued when it is known that air quality will be poor. Air quality information is posted on the front page of the Herald-Zeitung and in the Express News Metro Section. Also, local news and the Transguides are used to issue alerts.

The committee has a long way to go to improve air quality. The San Antonio area has until the end of 2007 to improve air quality before the EPA will take over because of poor readings. If the EPA takes over, there will be vehicle emissions testing, permits for business emissions will go through a New Source Review. Also, highway funding may be reduced due to repeated bad air quality readings.

Jay mentioned that the lack of involvement of the San Antonio and Bexar County governments is impacting the committee's efforts. The committee needs to force these governments to get involved and needs the help of businesses and residents to raise the awareness of air quality issues.

Chamber Report:

Rusty Brockman provided a report on up-coming programs, prospects and new businesses for the area.

Major areas of interest in Rusty's report:

- The New Braunfels EDC is in a partnership with San Marcos and Seguin EDC's to promote business development in the area. The partnership will have a booth at the Nano-technology trade show in Dallas next month.
- CTTC has over 450 students enrolled this session. With Silver State students, the total enrollment is over 700 students. However, no one signed up for welding classes.
- CTTC needs company input to put together classes and/or training programs to suit the needs of local business.

More information will be distributed through Rusty's weekly update.

Next Meeting:

The Mayor of New Braunfels is planned for the October program. The meeting will be hosted by T-Bar M on October 17 in the Chuckwagon room at 11:45 am. Contact Rusty Brockman for reservations.

Respectfully submitted: Paul W. Webber, Secretary/Treasurer