

**SAUK RAPIDS CHAMBER MEETING MINUES**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009**  
**LOCATION: TRINITY LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**SPONSOR: THE GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY**

First time guests/attendees welcomed and permanent name badge recipients were presented with their name badges by Roxanne Ryan, Chamber vice chair.

Introductions



**2 Minute Business Spotlight:  
Tom Steinkopf, GJ Awning.**

Sponsor Presentation: The Good Shepherd Community—‘Where seniority has its privileges.’ *It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new. But there is no real security in what is no longer meaningful. There is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power.* - **Jodi Speicher** and staff took part in the presentation.

The Good Shepherd Community, a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod organization, provides a ministry of specialized health care and housing services for young and older adults in Central Minnesota. Good Shepherd serves people from a Christian perspective by ministering to the whole person through a continuum of quality services. They are breaking free from the institutional model and evolving the culture to embrace mind, body & spirit. They are striving to provide their residents with more private space and have plans in place to construct a new fellowship center.



For more information, call 252-6525, or visit their website: [www.goodshepherdcampus.org](http://www.goodshepherdcampus.org)



**Speaker Presentation: Orn Bodvarsson, SCSU,  
Bringing China and the World Economy to Sauk Rapids.**

1. Introducing the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Education Winter Institute
2. Held in collaboration with Nankai University Binhai College, the Chinese Economists Society and the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce
3. China biggest impact on US Economy
4. Understanding business' local ties to China
5. See [www.stcloudareachamber.com](http://www.stcloudareachamber.com) for details and registration

School Update: Kim Eisenschenk

- Majority of money received through state
- Planning budget; revising current, looking at next year
- Settling contracts
- A lot up in the air; not known until legislature finishes their work
- July 1 is deadline to have budget in place

Winter activities are well underway. Snow Week this week. Check website [www.isd47.org](http://www.isd47.org) for further details.

City Update: Todd Schultz

- New traffic signals Hwy. 15 and 8<sup>th</sup>
- Discussion of adding traffic signals at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N. due to several accidents
- Authorizing spending \$1 million on quiet zone. Money NOT out of general fund; budgeted specifically for redevelopment efforts. N. end to be completed within 30 days S. end to be implemented in Sept./ Oct. '09

Membership Update: Wendy Franzwa

- Goal 8-10 new members every month; with at least 1 new member from Sauk Rapids
- Asked that everyone take a business card, write the name of a person/ business they feel is a possible candidate for membership, call her at 656-3834 or email [wfranzwa@stcloudareachamber.com](mailto:wfranzwa@stcloudareachamber.com) if you have someone you think might enjoy Chamber membership

For more information about the Sauk Rapids Chamber, to learn how to host a meeting or offer speaker or meeting suggestions, please contact: Amanda Carlson, Good Shepherd Community-Sauk Rapids Chamber Chair- at 320-252-6525, [amandacarlson@goodshepherdcampus.org](mailto:amandacarlson@goodshepherdcampus.org) Roxanne Ryan, WACOSA, Sauk Rapids Vice Chair at 320-290-7055, [rryan@wacosa.org](mailto:rryan@wacosa.org) or Gail Ivers, Sauk Rapids Chamber Staff, 320-251-2940 ext. 109, [givers@stcloudareachamber.com](mailto:givers@stcloudareachamber.com)

## **NEXT MEETING:**

**HOST: G & J AWNINGS,**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 11:45 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**G & J AWNINGS 1260 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH**

