



Sauk Rapids Chamber Meeting Minutes –Aug. 25, 2011

Meeting location-The Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall-Sauk Rapids, MN

Welcome, introductions, and permanent name badge recipients were presented by Sheila Tepley-Lamar Outdoor Advertising, Sauk Rapids chair and Jen Novak-Pinecone Vision Center-vice chair.

We would like to welcome the following new members to the executive committee: Linda Dooley Bauer-American National Bank, Chad Houg, Transport Graphics, and Betsy Lund, Neils, Franz, Chirhart & Evanson P.A.

The August meeting was the annual Business Showcase with the following 8 area businesses doing a 3 minute presentation: 360 Chiropractic, 44 Sign Company, Dijital Majik Computer Clinic, Great River Federal Credit Union, KASM/KDDG, MN School of Business, Neils-Franz, Chirhart-Attorneys at Law, and Rejuv Medical.

Membership Update: Wendy Franzwa—Three area businesses joined the chamber this past month

Chamber Update: Jill Copeland-There will be a lunchtime learning on September 7th on social media, and a Hands on Learning Lab for developing your Facebook presence/page on Sept. 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.-bring lap top. For more information, please contact the chamber-www.StCloudAreaChamber.com or 320-251-2940

City Update: Todd Schultz-There is a high end apt. complex being built, some new businesses on Highway 10, -Discovery Church, and Super America. Walgreens will be opening soon, and there is also a new bar that will be opening in downtown Sauk Rapids. City Hall should have their new building completed in about 10 months.

School District update: Dan Bittman -Superintendent –The district applied for and was awarded a competitive literacy grant –they are the only district that he is aware of in central MN that qualified for the grant. The district will be going to the voters in Nov to ask for a referendum –one to ask for money for maintenance and upkeep, the second for enhancements in technology. They are also in the process of setting up a foundation—look for more info soon on their web site. They will be having over 100 new students to the district this year with 60 of them being kindergartners.

Door prizes were handed out.

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 22, 2011 at C& L Distributing-1020 Industrial Drive South, Sauk Rapids, MN The meeting will be co-hosted by Northstar Visitor Guides and Brenny Transportation.