

Sauk Rapids Chamber Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2009

Meeting Location: Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Community Room

Host: Allied Waste Services

Welcome, Introductions, and permanent name badges were presented by Roxanne Ryan, Wacosa, Sauk Rapids Chamber Chair

- 60 Sec. Spotlight- KDV Steve Leen
- Sponsor presentation : Allied Waste --Jamie Phenow and Rich Dingman
1989-- Allied Waste originated at this time, 1999--They went from BFI to Allied Waste, in 2008 Allied Waste was bought by Republic Services. They will keep the same name. Their website is: www.republicservices.com. If you go to the web site there is a great section for students. They also have a new program called "Recycling Bank" . As your recycling is collected, the bin has a bar code on it that records points. Those points can then be redeemed for various items- www.recyclcebank.com . Ten points equals \$1.00, there is no extra charge to be part of this program.
- Speaker Presentation: Barry Kirchhoff--Small Business Development Center
The Small Business Development Center is hosted at SCSU. Barry spoke on the 2009 Recovery Act and SBA Lending programs. They are in a constant state of change to keep up with the new rules, the economy and the needs of the community.

The Small Business Development Center helps small businesses/entrepreneurs start up their businesses by helping them write up business plans and get "bank ready". They help businesses learn "Quickbooks" as well as the benefits of "Twitter" , "Facebook" and "My Space " and how to market your business using them.

Barry discussed Section 501 of the Recovery Act -7A working capital and marketing also 504 Loan program--large capital expenditures

Chamber Update-Jodi Speicher

Membership Update -Wendy Franzwa

School District Update -Greg Vandal

City Update--Todd Schultz

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2009

Location: Villages of Creekside

Host: Timeless Traditions Development Group

Speaker: Tri-CAP

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