

Westside Association Meeting Minutes-June 7-2012

Meeting called to order by President Connie Drexler @12:00

Approval April minutes (Jeff/Rick) passed

Treasurer's Report

- Balance as of May 31-2012- \$5537.23
- Collected \$75.00 in dues during the month
- Collected \$105.00 for sign during the month
- All current bills are paid

Chamber Report:

- Waterfest begins June 14
- Live at Lunch begins June 13
- Business after hours – July 10 at Peabody's
- AM Oshkosh- July 17
- Golf Outing in August
- Target Outreach (moved into former Hollywood Video space) adding 100 jobs
- 6 different office projects in the works
- Wisconsin Economic Dept- 5 separate applications for tax credits- possible 500 new jobs
- Madison based company looking at the Riverfront and frontage road areas
- CVS- seems to be moving forward – going to Council
- US Cellular now open in new building on Koeller
- Qdoba under construction opening late July/early August
- Riverwalk – Marion to Jackson
- Citizen's First under construction on Witzel
- Bella Academy approved for OAEDC loan from revolving fund- moving into space on corner of Pearl and Jackson
- 6.8% unemployed in Oshkosh – lowest in the valley area
- looking for chamber board members – send nominations to the chamber

Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau- calendars now ready with upcoming events

- June events include: Country USA and Miss Wisconsin
- July events include: Volleyball Tournament, Rock USA, Lifest, EAA AirVenture
- New contest on Facebook- \$500.00 prize

Membership

- New members
 - Jacobson Auto Sales
 - 57 members as of June
- New Business
 - Executive Planning Session planed for June 19
 - Looking for speakers or topics for upcoming year

Guest Speaker:

- Bob Biebel- President United Catholic Schools
 - Background
 - 10 years as business manager in Appleton Catholic Schools
 - St Mary's University – administration (worked with high schools)
 - Goals
 - Push for excellence
 - 4 schools
 - St Elizabeth Seaton (elementary)
 - St Francis Cabrini (elementary)
 - St John Neuman (middle school)
 - Lourdes (high school)
 - Changing the name to Lourdes Academy (rebranding)
 - Taking over the old Citizen's First space on Sawyer to expand
 - Move the elementary school on to the new space
 - All schools in same area on Sawyer on one campus
 - Excellence Goals
 - Catholic Institution-
 - founded by Christian Brothers in 1958
 - Service- for community, each other
 - Touch minds and hearts
 - Improve Academics

- 24 Average ACT score last year
- pushing for excellence- inspire students to learn
- important to set bench marks
- Extra curricular activities
 - #1 in WI after winter season in WI Cup for schools under 500 students
 - sports – many teams to state levels in 2011/2012 seasons
 - fine arts
- Want to have smooth transition when the move happens into the new school
- Be a strong vibrant member of the community for many years to come
- 17% of students in the schools are non catholic
- Funding
 - Tuition- \$5300.00 at high school level per year
 - #1 source of funding
 - gave out \$320.000.00 in tuition assistance last year
 - does not cover all costs
 - local parishes
 - donations
 - special events

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM

NO MEETING IN JULY

Next Meeting- Thursday August 2-2012