

## Westside Association Meeting Minutes-September 6, 2012

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

Approval August minutes (Robin/ Ron) passed

Treasurer's Report

- current balance is \$7079.98
- payments in August- \$18.90 for lunches
- No outstanding pledges

Chamber Report:

- Horizon Village- new residence hall on UWO campus opened
- Oshkosh Truck- 10,000 FMTV came off the production line
- outlet mall - new play area/green space being constructed
- Sept 27- New Citizens First location on Witzel scheduled to open
- Sokora -now open on Koeller
- Anytime Fitness expanding
- Cherry Berry - on Murdock
- JoAnn Fabrics constructing new building next to TJ Maxx on Koeller
- Dollar Tree now open on Jackson
- Oct 11- Operation Thank you
- Oct 11- Business after Hours at Glass Nickel
- Oct 29- Annual Meeting
- November 15- Holiday parade

OCVB

- National Logging Convention Sept 6- 9 at EAA
- Sept 9- Customer Service Training
  - 90 minutes
  - includes information about Oshkosh
  - customer training for staff members of local businesses
  - contact OCVB for more information

Membership: Culver's on Westowne has joined

New Business

- Hwy21/41
  - Target opening date November 5 for Hwy 21
  - Celebration for the opening
  - Westside Association will spearhead the Ribbon cutting with a reception at Robbins
  - Tentative time 10:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Steve Davis- Small Business Regulatory Board

- appointed in January 2012 along with 6 other small business owners
- served on the task force in 2003 for formation
- board was reformatted this year
  - 7 different small businesses
  - 1 State Representative ( currently- Michelle Litjens)
  - 1 State Senator (currently - Terry Moulton)
- have met 3 times since January
  - review rules
    - make recommendations in a report
    - remove some rules since they are obsolete
    - various departments must review laws
- need information from businesses about regulations
  - how to improve regulations
  - how they affect business
- make sure the regulations are fair and understandable- not burdensome to small business
- board members are talking to local chambers, trade associations, small businesses to get suggestions for improvements
- Small business
  - \$5 million or less
  - 25 or fewer full time employees
  - independently owned and operated

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM