

Pilot Mound & District Chamber of Commerce - September Meeting, 2008

The monthly lunch meeting was held on September 17th at the Homesteader Restaurant with 21 members present. The meeting was called to order.

Stephanie Derraugh, a registered massage therapist, was introduced as a new business owner and explained her new venture for Pilot Mound and area.

Opening remarks by the President stressed the Chamber of Commerce mandate - to support, promote and publicize the area of Pilot Mound and District and the importance of the younger members maintaining the legacy that has been set for many years by the older Chamber members. Remarks included an overview of the effect the Pilot Mound website has had on promotion of our town, and how the Chamber has financially supported organizations and events from Smorg revenue.

The following reports were then given by Chamber members:

Fall Smorg: Carolanne Bayne - all arrangements have been completed.

LCDC - Jack Lovell - The Assisted Living/Student Residence plans are progressing favorably. There are plans for expanded operations at Louise Waste. A website, which includes 10 Economic Development Regions in Manitoba, is being developed to attract immigration from Alberta and other regions, of which the LCDC is a part.

Pilot Mound Website – Susan Peterson - the website continues to have numerous visitors - over 160,000 hits to date - the majority of whom visit the real estate pages and go to other areas of the website from there.

Pilot Mound Hotel - Carolanne for Roland Desrochers - Construction is in full swing and loans approved.

Athletes Sign - Carolanne for Roland Desrochers - The sign will soon be completed by Gardiner Signs of Clearwater.

Pilot Mound Fellowship Centre - Lois Lynch - Repairs have been completed on the back door deck and back room flooring. Cement work in the basement is ongoing- having received a grant from the Pilot Mound Foundation.

Welcome Wagon and Community Canvas - Betty Maxwell - Recent deliveries were made to 15 households. This year 60 bags were made up and 55 have gone out. Community Canvas meeting on September 28 and the current board feel it's time for new people, which could revamp and improve the programs.

Masonic Hall Bench - Audrey Wilson - The bench has been purchased and placed in front of the Masonic Hall. A thank you will be sent to the Co-op for such a reasonable price.

Town of Pilot Mound - Brent Checkley - Louise Waste is looking at bringing material in from other areas which would increase the amount of resalable material for market. Water and taxes were discussed.

Reunion Cookbooks - Carolanne Bayne - The publisher has been contacted for prices for a republication of the cookbooks . As the original cookbook has been sold out, there seems to be a demand for more copies. Updated report at October meeting.

Financial report was adopted as read.

No New Business as we ran well over the hour.

Next Meeting - October 15th - noon - Homesteader Restaurant

Meeting adjourned