



Claiborne County Chamber of Commerce

Issue 126

January Meeting
Tazewell, TN

January 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The Claiborne County Chamber of Commerce met on Monday, January 8, 2007 at the Operations Center in Tazewell. 2006 President Seth Butner called the meeting to order and Mitch Burke led invocation.

2007 CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Seth Butner thanked everyone for their support during his term as Chamber President and introduced Betsy Maples as the 2007 President of the Claiborne County Chamber of Commerce.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Betsy Maples welcomed everyone and introduced newly elected Board member Ann Shipley. Ms. Maples thanked County Mayor Duncan and Eleanor Yoakum for their interest in the Chamber and participation in the meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After reviewing the minutes from the December meeting, Ms. Maples asked for a motion of approval. Pat Anstett made a motion to approve the December minutes. Seth Butner seconded the motion. The motion was voted and passed.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

After reviewing the December financial report, Ms. Maples asked for a motion of approval. Carol Campbell made a motion to approve the December financial report. Rob Barger seconded the motion. The motion was voted and passed.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL REPORT

Derek Markley reported on the following:

- 1) A team of administrators from LMU met with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the application to be a Level 5 Research Institution status was successful. LMU is now a Level 5 Research Institution.
- 2) DeBusk School of Osteopathic Medicine has enrolled fifty students for the inaugural class and plan to have a total of 150 students. Eight to ten of the students are from Tennessee.
- 3) Plans of renovations at Duke Hall are underway. The renovations include upgrading the electrical system and replacing the seating. Future plans are to work on the stage and sound system.
- 4) A dedication ceremony for the DeBusk School of Osteopathic Medicine is planned for October 20th at 2:00 PM. The ceremony will include several guest speakers. Invitations will be mailed for the ceremony.
- 5) The LMU Concert Choir and the Tri-State Community Choir will be departing to New York on Thursday for their performance at Carnegie Hall.

TOURISM REPORT

Carol Campbell announced that the new Chairperson for the Claiborne County Tourism Commission is now Tom Mackie, Director of the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum. Ms.

Campbell reported that the U. S. Highway 25E scenic byways committee will be meeting at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 16th at the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce. John Whiteman will be attending the meeting to discuss the status of the byways project and corridor management plan. The Black History Month program will be held at the Museum on February 9th at 10:00 AM. The Living History Encampment will be held September 7-9, 2007.

LEADERSHIP CLAIBORNE REPORT

Pat Anstett reported that the 2006-2007 Leadership Class attended Health Care Day in December. Betsy Maples stated that during Health Care Day, the class toured Claiborne County Hospital. A presentation was given at the hospital informing the class about the new medical office building project and some of the new equipment while at the hospital. The class also toured Cherokee Health Systems and while there, a state representative talked to the class about the "Cover TN" program. Mr. Anstett reported that Business, Industry, and Banking Day would be held on January 18th.

OFFICER & DIRECTOR SURVEY

Betsy Maples noted that, in December, she had a sent a survey to all of the Officers and Directors for input about the role of the Chamber, activities and projects. Ms. Maples stated that the compiled results of the survey were the following; 1) More actively promote Claiborne County, 2) More involvement from Board members, 3) More Chamber projects, 4) Increased promotion of the Chamber, 5) Increase benefits for Chamber members. Ms. Maples handed out copies of the county's strategic plan priorities to the Board. Ms. Maples said that the strategic plan is a part of the Three-Star Program and that the Board would using the list of priorities as a guideline for Chamber projects.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive VP/Director Dennis Shipley reported on the following:

Adopt-A-Highway Award: The 2005/2006 Leadership Claiborne Class was notified that they have received an "Award of Excellence" for their class project. The award is \$1,000 and will be presented at the TDOT and Keep America Beautiful Conference on February 6, 2007 in Nashville. From April 1, 2006 to date, 8½ tons of trash have been removed from the county roadways.

County Website: The Claiborne County website is now available online at www.claibornecounty.com. Mr. Shipley noted that the website was not complete and that all information will be available soon. The website was designed by The Web Boss Design Studio. Mr. Leo Haggerty created and designed the website and will be taking care of the maintenance.

Membership Renewal: Invoices for membership renewal were mailed the third week of December and membership dues are be received.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Betsy Maples that the Board had discussed having a Chamber golf tournament. Ms. Maples stated that the first project for the Chamber would be to have a golf tournament in 2007. Ms. Maples said that John Stewart had agreed to chair the committee for a golf tournament and would be asking the Board members to serve on the committee and participate in the tournament.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Betsy Maples announced that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner would be held at 6:30 PM on Friday, March 16, 2007 at Lincoln Memorial University cafeteria in Harrogate.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Mayor Joe Duncan announced that the courthouse is currently undergoing renovations to improve the appearance of the courthouse and utilize space. The renovations include installing elevators, renovating the old jail for storage and county archives, and improving the appearance of the courtrooms and the outside of the structure.

BENEFIT DRIVE

Mayor Joe Duncan stated that they are organizing a county-wide benefit drive for Pvt. Sue Downes who is recovering from injuries sustained while on duty in Afghanistan. Mayor Duncan said that the benefit drive is for building a house for Pvt. Downes and her family. Mayor Duncan said that one group from Middle Tennessee is donating materials and labor. Anyone who would like to make a donation can contact the County Mayor's Office at 423-626-5236.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

Dennis Shipley reported that due to a Board member's illness, Melanie Espinoza has been nominated as a replacement to serve the remaining term of the Director. Betsy Maples asked for a motion of approval for the nomination. Zeka Brooks made a motion to approve that Melanie Espinoza be elected as a replacement to serve the remaining Director's term. Pat Anstett seconded the motion. The motion was voted and passed by the Board.

PHARMACY SCHOOL GRADUATES

Eleanor Yoakum announced that two ETSU students from Claiborne County have received their white coats from ETSU Pharmacy School.

With no further discussion, Seth Butner made a motion to adjourn. Carol Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Board Members Present

Betsy Maples	Rose Kiser	Derek Markley	Mayor Joe Duncan
Dennis Shipley	Pat Anstett	John Stewart	Rob Barger
Mitch Burke	Zeka Brooks	Seth Butner	Carol Campbell
Jennifer Hernon	Ann Shipley		

Membership Present

Erlinda McMeel Eleanor Yoakum Doug Daniels

**The Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome
new member:**

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Claiborne County Chamber of Commerce Officers & Directors

OFFICERS

Betsy Maples (President)
Dennis Shipley (Executive Vice President/Director)
Steve Walker (President Elect)
Mitch Burke (Vice President)
Rose Kiser (Treasurer)

DIRECTORS

Carol Campbell
Pat Anstett
John Stewart
Derek Markley
Steven Lewis
Vickie Oakes
Lindsey Cole
Jeff Lewis
Sheri Frost
Zeka Brooks
Juanita Honeycutt
Jennifer Hernon

Kim Large
Ann Shipley
Brilla Hansard
Rob Barger
Sherri Storer
Wayne Bridges
Glen Bowling
Robin McMurray
Mitch Burke
Betty Beeler
Wesley Stone
Melanie Espinoza

*Claiborne County
Chamber of Commerce
Annual Banquet*

Friday, March 16, 2007 • 6:30 PM

Lincoln Memorial University Cafeteria



Guest Speaker



Music

LMU Jazz Ensemble

Sponsorship Awards

Door Prizes

Grand Prize Giveaway

Tickets will be available February 1, 2007 thru March 5, 2007
Chamber of Commerce office in Tazewell • (423) 626-4149

ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY

Tickets \$20