

Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce  
Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2014

**PRESENT:** Walt Perry, President; Jeff Marcec, Treasurer; Karen Wusstig, Secretary; Mersha Studer, Vice President; and Kent Klewitz, Member at Large

1. **Review of Chamber Status:** Jeff reported receiving no responses to his request for minutes documenting the November and December Meetings. The outcome of those meetings was revisited:
  - a. The chamber will cease to meet monthly.
  - b. Dues will no longer be collected for Chamber Members.
  - c. A Chamber scholarship will be developed and awarded to two JHS seniors annually.
  - d. The bylaws provide full decision-making authority to the Executive Board which will meet only as needed; however all others are welcome to attend.
  - e. Except for \$2,500 which will remain in the Chamber checking account to cover minimal operating expenses and two scholarships this spring, Chamber funds will be placed in an interest bearing account.
  
2. **Review of Chamber Officers:** In response to the resignation of Patrick McKenzie, Walt Perry has assumed the role of President. With Walt's position of Vice President vacated, Mersha Studer was nominated and elected Vice President by unanimous vote. As Vice President, Mersha will become a signer on Chamber accounts.
  
3. **Review Scholarship:** A draft of the scholarship prepared by Walt and Kent was reviewed. The scholarship was approved with changes. The final version will be emailed to the Chamber Executive Board following these changes:
  - a. Clarify who is making the award: A Chamber Representative will recognize recipients at the JHS annual awards assembly graduation week.
  - b. The required essay must be typed and double-spaced.
  - c. Add the requirement of two letters from school staff attesting to applicant's attitude and career goals.
  - d. Change the due date to May 10.
  
4. **Next:** Hearing the expressions of regret over the current state of the Chamber and lack membership participation, Kent encouraged everyone to attend the next City Council Meeting, February 13, for a special presentation by a local community member.
  
5. **Adjourn:** After scheduling to meet again Wednesday, May 14, at 11AM in the School District Board Room to review scholarships, the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Karen Wusstig, Secretary