

Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce  
September 12, 2002

Pres. Beck called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the town library. There were 15 members present and 2 guests.

The treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$2942.74. Kathleen Behymer made the motion to accept the treasurer's report with Rosemary Perdew seconding.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting as read was made by Bob Bridges and seconded by Beth Price.

One of the featured guests for the evening was Steve Axelbaum, the new owner of Astoria Gardens. He reported that the Astoria Gardens has improved greatly not only financially but also in the kind of care they can provide. They hope to be able to break ground for the Assisted Living Apartments by the first part of November and have them completed sometime in the spring. Plans to have part of the care center set aside for Alzheimer patients is in the works also. A public hearing will be held on Oct. 3 as part of the grant writing process. They would like to include a community center in their expansion plans also. This expansion should create at least 10 new jobs. Further information will be made available as it happens.

Mr. Steve Goodman, Supt. of Astoria Schools, presented information concerning the upcoming tax referendum. The current tax base is \$5.10 per \$100 of assessed evaluation. That figure would remain the same, the referendum is asking for approval as to how the \$5.10 is distributed among the funds in the budget. More information will appear in the South Fulton Argus in the coming weeks. You may contact Mr. Goodman at 329-2111 or contact any school board member with any questions concerning this referendum.

#### Committee Reports:

Special Events – Ryan Baker indicated a few changes to the guidelines for the deer contest. Archery and Shotgun will each have their own contest.

Internet Web Page – Everyone was encouraged to visit the chamber website. The committee will meet to work on suggestions made for the website.

Bonnie White made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob Stambaugh seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.