

**Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**November 14, 2002**

Pres. Beck called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the town library. There were 13 members present and 2 guests.

The treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$2469.44. Kathleen Behymer made the motion to accept the treasurer's report with Nancy Carithers seconding.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting as read was made by Gary Sheets and seconded by Bob Bridges.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dave Schaab from Waste Management. He indicated that Waste Management is one of the largest waste managers in the United States and are plain and simple a garbage service. He indicated their motto is "set it out and it will be picked up" within the designated guidelines. His area stretches from Champaign to the Mississippi and from I 80 to I 74. They are very heavily regulated by the federal government. He indicated that Illinois is a landfill state and will probably remain that way. He also indicated their willingness to work with the city to set up more recycling programs.

**Committee Reports:**

Special Events – Ryan Baker reported that the deer contest is in place and the drawings for 2 \$25 gift certificates and a deer picture will be held in conjunction with the carriage night. Bob Bridges indicated that the carriage night plans are in place with the drawing to be held at 7:15 p.m. You must be present to win.

Christmas with Santa – Rosemary Perdeu indicated that everything is set in place for the big event which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Habitat House – Gary Sheets invited everyone to attend the Open House on November 23 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. with the dedication at 11:00. He also reported that the Habitat Board is very impressed with the Astoria community. A second parcel of land has been purchased with plans for another house in about 2 years.

Gary Sheets made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Kathleen Behymer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.