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## Sen. Glover presents check for civic center

*Carlisle Chamber of Commerce membership drive a success*



**STATE SENATOR BOBBY L. GLOVER** presents a check for \$350,000 to Carlisle Alderman Robin Hart and Chamber of Commerce President Barbara Loretz, to be used for a civic center for Carlisle. The funds are part of \$750,000 Glover received from the state's General Improvement Fund. Glover told Chamber of Commerce members that he knew it wasn't enough to build the kind of civic center Carlisle needed. "But it's a start."

by **Rose Mary Buffalo**  
*editor*

Senator Bobby Glover brought a surprise to the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday. Although the city and the chamber were aware that Glover had appropriated \$350,000 in General Improvement Funds for a new civic center for Carlisle, they didn't know Glover had the check ready to present.

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Accepting the funds were Alderman Robin Hart and Chamber President Barbara Loretz.

“Robin [Hart] got in touch with me and asked if any funds would be available this year for Carlisle,” Glover explained. “She reminded me that Carlisle had never requested any money.”

Glover said he had \$750,000 to use as he wished.

“Carlisle is my hometown and I decided it was time I did something,” he said.

Glover also said he was working with the city to donate one-half a block of Glover property to the city.

“Carlisle has been good to us and we want to give something back,” Glover said.

Hart and Loretz expressed their appreciation on behalf of the city.

“We really appreciate this,” Hart told Glover. “When you become Senator again, we’d like some more.”

Loretz reported on the success of this year’s Chamber membership drive with a total of 52 members, with 18 of them being new.

“Some of them have been members before but they weren’t members last year,” Loretz said.

Loretz appointed a nominating committee to work on proposed officers and board members for 2006. Named to the committee were Janet Pasley, Hal Hillman and Trudy Drye.

She also appointed Trudy Drye to finish the term of Alice Elliott, who recently moved. The term expires in 2007.

Loretz reported that the executive committee had met and discussed the Chamber making a donation to help the people affected by Hurricane Katrina. They recommended a donation of \$100 to one of three organizations, Red Cross, Salvation Army and UMCOR.

Hal Hillman made a motion to allow the executive committee to decide where to donate the money. It was seconded by Donnie Pasley and passed unanimously.

Loretz appointed a committee to organize the fundraising dinners the Chamber will sponsor during Alumni Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 21-22. Named to the committee were Janet Pasley, Hal Hillman, Barbara Loretz, Rose Mary Buffalo, Betty Conner, Ruth Johnson and Trudy Drye.

Loyce McArthur talked to the Chamber about some of the things he had seen when he was helping at some of the shelters in New Orleans recently.

“Believe half of what you see,” McArthur said. “The local people are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.”

He explained how things changed in a few days in New Orleans.

“When we first started bringing food to the people, they were like a mob,” McArthur said.

“The second day they started lining up and the third day they came straggling in when we arrived. They knew the food was going to be there.

“Once they got regular meals, they became normal people,” McArthur said.

After announcing that members would be notified of the location of the October Chamber meeting, the meeting adjourned.

Attending were Janet Pasley, Ruth Woods, Clara Sims, Rufus Owens, Hal Hillman, Barbara Loretz, Robin Hart, Loyce McArthur, Wes Woods, Betty Conner, Joy Mason, Rose Mary Buffalo, Denisa Pennington, Donnie Pasley and Bobby Glover.