

**HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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**Minutes from April 2, 2008 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6pm president Dave Lange. The meeting was held in the Community Room at the Hill City School. Those present were: Mavis Gowell, Ella Kingsley, Janet Hatfield, John Weyer, Kathleen Krammer, Patty & Chuck Hodge, Georgia Benson, Mark Meyer, Bill & Terry Becker, Shirley Spenser, Kathy Bounds, Dave & Bambi Lange, Jim & Anne Bjerkness, Bill Klennert.

Kathy Bounds made a motion to approve minutes from March 19, 2008 meeting. Motion seconded by Ella Kingsley. Motion passed.

Dave Lange read e-mail resignation from Hollie Hanson as secretary; she will still stay involved in the chamber but wished to resign from this position. Kathy Bounds made a motion to appoint Bambi Lange as secretary. Mavis Gowell seconded motion. Motion passed.

Janet Hatfield (new treasurer) gave the treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$2,685.16 in the checking account right now. She had made deposits of \$109.00 for registration for all school reunion, \$78.15 from cash donation cans from around town, and \$774.40 from CBT. We have an outstanding bill for \$1,005.86 to Treasure Bay for printing of all-school reunion flyers. (This bill will be paid with money from Aitkin Cty. Grant) Shirley Spenser made motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Kathy Bounds seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Old Business:**

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Quadana went very well and was well attended. 3 bikes were donated for give away to the children. Thank you to Hollie Hanson for making this event go so smoothly.

Hill City city wide garage sale will be May 2 & 3. People should contact Dona Landrus or Kathy Bounds if they are interested in participating in it. There is \$5 cost to participate to cover advertising in the newspaper. A map will be available to show the various people participating in the sales.

Discussion was held on the scholarship that the Chamber has offered in the past. Kathleen Krammer made a motion to give one scholarship for \$250.00. Due date for application for scholarship will be May 1, 2008. Motion seconded by Janet Hatfield. Motion passed.

Discussion was held about possibly doing a spaghetti meal sometime and includes a silent auction with it. One possible date that was talked about was the weekend of the softball tournament that Bill Klennert puts on every year. Items that could be included in the silent auction would be weekend pass to Grand Casino that Dave Lange got for the chamber. Blue Moon said they would donate a weekend pass for stay at their resort. Kathleen Krammer said she would talk to Rutgers's Sugar Lake Lodge about a donation. There is also a carved bear at the Mikes Liquor that could be included; it just needs a finishing coat of oil on it.

The Chamber got the check from Lake Country Power for the grant from them for \$1,000.00 to be used for 4<sup>th</sup> July celebration.

Discussion was held to see who covers the insurance for Belladiva Concert at QMP. Need to check into this matter further.

Michelle Lee has volunteered to do the announcing for 4<sup>th</sup> July parade this year. The chamber will write her a formal invitation to do this for us. Discussion was held on how to find out about various classes that are interested in putting a float together to be included in the parade. It was decided something should be put on our web-site stating if you are interested in be in the parade to make sure you contact the chamber to let them know. It could also to put it on posters and flyers that we put out. Cre Larson is working on letters to be sent out to various groups and businesses to participate in our parade. But various graduating classes would not be getting these letters that is why we felt something needed to be put on web-site and flyers so they could also let us know, so we would have an idea on how many floats to expect and so we could tell them where to meet to line up. Parade line up will begin at 9 am. Color guard will be first in the parade that will begin at 10:30 am.

Cre Larson is working on street games for 4<sup>th</sup> July celebration time. Lisa Anderson has been working on lining up entertainment for the gazebo.

The advertising committee has been talking with various radio stations and will give us more information on that at future meeting. It was talked about to see if they would be willing to do remotes from the school on the day of the reunion.

Dave Lange had talked to Denny Madden to see if he would be interested in renting part of the pavilion for food catering for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. It would be rented out at flat fee. Dave will talk further with Denny also anyone else that may be interested in renting 1/3 of the pavilion as place to cater food.

Mavis Gowell reported on progress for All-School Reunion. Most of the invitations have been sent out. Responses are coming in quite nicely already. She had talked to Darrell Nelson about MC the program, he didn't feel he should. He felt our current superintendent should do it. Scott Vedbraaten had told Mavis he would be willing to do it, he will be around the school all that day.

New Business:

It was reported on benefits the community will be putting on for Marcia Huff who as voice box cancer.

Discussion was held on the planters that are put around town each year. There are about 26 of them. Bambi Lange volunteered to make flyers to put around town and in the school newsletter encouraging people to adopt a planter. They would plant it and maintain it by watering during the growing season.

It was decided to wait till next business meeting to decide about a donation to Kids Plus for their Grad Blast.

May meetings would be held at school in the community room. Blue Moon said they would like to hopefully host the June Chamber meeting at their business.

No further business to discuss, Ella Kingsley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes taken by  
Bambi Lange

Upcoming meetings: Wed. April 16

Wed. May 7

Wed. May 21

Meetings will be at 6 pm in the Community Room at Hill City School.