

**HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on Wed. April 16, 2008 at 6 pm in the Community Room at the Hill City School.

Those present at the meeting were: Joann Carlson, Janet Hatfield, Kathy Bounds, Greg Bounds, Hollie Hanson, Shirley Spenser, Elaine Kingsley, Barb Majerus, Dave Lange and Bambi Lange.

The meeting was called to order by president Dave Lange.

Treasurer's report was given. There is \$6,446.66 in the checking account that includes \$1,496.00 registration money for all school reunion, \$1,000.00 from Lake County Power grant, and \$3,000.00 from Aitkin county grant. Greg Bounds made motion to accept treasurer's report, Shirley Spenser seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The secretary's report was given. Greg Bounds made motion to accept the report, motion seconded by Shirley Spenser, the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Kathy Bounds reported so far 13 people have signed up to be listed in the city wide garage sale on May 2&3.

Poster has been made about "adopt a planter" around Hill City. Planters are numbered, will make list of who wants to plant each planter. They should be planted by May 28.

Dave Lange had several prices for port-a-potty rental for 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. The lowest price was from Goble Sewer Service of Aitkin. It was for 8 portable toilets; price included moving 4 out to Quadana site for concert on July 5<sup>th</sup> that would include pumping them when moved. Price was \$460.00, Barb Majerus made motion to go with Goble Sewer Service, motion seconded by Kathy Bounds, motion passed.

Next item discussed was rental of portable bleachers for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Dave had price of \$600+tax per bleacher section (they are 11 1/2ft x 51ft long (includes tongue) 45ft for seating. They are 9 rows high and 13ft wide. Shirley Spenser made a motion to rent 2 sections of bleachers for 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, motion seconded by Greg Bounds. Motion passed. Bleachers can be moved out to Quadna to be used for Belladiva concert on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Talked of putting the two bleacher sections at intersection of Lake Ave. and Main Street. The bleachers that are at school could be placed in Bear Park and used by people to listen to entertainment in the gazebo that weekend.

Contract has been signed for following entertainment for July 4<sup>th</sup>, Worums Family Band – 12, 2 & 4pm in gazebo, Skaja Family – 1 & 3 in gazebo, and Calvin the Magician – 2 stage shows and 2 roaming shows for July 4<sup>th</sup> afternoon. Cost for the 3 entertainment acts is \$1,650.00.

65 letters have been sent out to vendors for booths for crafts and food for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Advertising committee should be meeting shortly to discuss radio and television advertising. Greg Bounds has had 6 large banners printed up that could be posted at either end of town, by Hilltop Sports, Shirley Spenser's building, Roadside, and one other location. He also had some heavy plastic signs made up to post at various locations.

Cre Larson will be sending out letters inviting groups/people/businesses to be in the parade for July 4<sup>th</sup>. She also stated she would put flyers around town about signing up to be in the parade. If classes are doing floats they should also sign up so we have an idea of how many will be in the parade.

It was also discussed about the safety issue of throwing candy in the parade. Someone thought a city ordinance had been passed at one time banning throwing candy in parades. That is something that needs to be checked out further.

Cre Larson is organizing the street events for after the parade. There will be pudding eating contest, egg race, turtle race, sawdust piles (0-3age/4-8age/9-12age piles), talent show, tractor pull. Cre Larson & Lisa Anderson said they would do kiddies carnival games on Sunday afternoon and also scavenger hunt on Sunday afternoon.

Safety and police patrol issues were discussed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, including during the parade, the street dances and concert at Quadna Mountain Park. Janet Hatfield will talk to Sheriff Scott Turner to see if he can make it to one of our meetings in May.

Cre Larson is checking on the possibility of borrowing or renting a portable stage from Deer River for our concert and the Friday evening street dance to use.

Hollie Hanson reported that she had talked with the insurance carrier for Quadna about insurance during the concert on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Quadna will cover the extra cost for the insurance (about \$1,200.00). She wants people to be aware that NO coolers will be allowed to be brought onto the property. Quadana is providing 5 motel rooms for Belladiva the night of the concert. The chamber could sell pop,

water, hot dogs at the concert out at QMP. Quanda has the liquor license and will be the one selling that product.

Discussion was held about having a concession booth during softball tournament that Bill Klennert puts on the weekend before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Chamber could sell tee shirts and hats that they have, also pop, water, hot dogs, etc.

Split Seconding Printing of Hill City will make 1,500 buttons for \$594.91, they will be 3" buttons, and they want half down. Greg Bounds made motion to pay them \$300.00 now and rest when buttons are finished. Bambi Lange seconded the motion, the motion passed. It was stated that buttons need to be made straight.

Registrations are coming in nicely for the all school reunion. It was suggested that it would be nice to place some registration forms at the various motels in town. There may be some people that did not graduate from Hill City, but would still like to attend, or do not have forms to register with. Not everyone realizes they need to pre-register and to do it early.

It was tabled till next meeting about possible donation to Kids Plus for their Grad Blast.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Lange reported that he had attended a meeting in Aitkin earlier that day. The meeting was sponsored by Explore Minnesota. They had invited chamber groups to attend; they discussed how areas in the state may be grouped for promoting events around the state.

No further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by  
Bambi Lange, secretary

Next meetings: Wednesday May 7 at 6pm in community room at school.

Wednesday May 21 at **5:30 pm** in community room at school, note earlier starting time of meeting so we will be done by 7pm for HC school concert that evening.

Aitkin County Sheriff Scott Turner, and Hill City Police Officer Jeff Madsen will be attend this meeting so we can discuss safety and patrol issues for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.