

***HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE***

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The Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on Wed. May 7, 2008 at 6pm in the community room at Hill City School.

The meeting was called to order by president Dave Lange. Those present at the meeting were: Mavis Gowell, Barb Majerus, Shirley Spenser, Kathy Bounds, John McManigle, Elaine Kingsley, Greg Bounds, Patty Hodge, Dave Lange, Bambi Lange and Janet Hatfield.

The secretary's report was read. Shirley Spenser made motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Patty Hodge. Motion passed.

A letter was read from a former classmate of Hill City School. She went till 2<sup>nd</sup> grade here, back in 1935. She is looking forward to the school reunion this year; she has not been back in Hill City since she moved away as a child.

Kathy Bounds reported that the city-wide garage sale weekend went well.

The chamber received 8 applications for our high school scholarship that we offer. Mavis Gowell, Patty Hodge, and John McManigle are on the committee to pick the recipient of this year's \$250.00 scholarship.

Treasurer's report was given (treasurer had arrived late due to work.) There is a balance of \$7,778.36 in the checking account. She has \$4,402.00 that has not been deposited yet of money that has come in mainly from registrations for the school reunion.

Kathy Bounds made a motion to give a donation of \$50.00 to Kids Plus for Grad Blast. Motion was seconded by Patty Hodge, motion past.

John McMangile talked with the chamber on their needs for at Quadna Mountain Park for the Belladiva concert on July 5<sup>th</sup>. He had several suggestions about the stage and possibilities where it could be placed. He said the chalet will be open during the concert. He also told us there are a couple nice grills out there that we could use if chamber decides to sell hot dogs, brats, hamburgers during the concert. It was decided it would be good money maker to sell pop, bottled water, chips, hot dogs, etc during the concert. John would like input from the chamber on several matters out there, he doesn't want to make the decisions by himself. It was decided to hold the next meeting out there, this is also the meeting where Hill City, and Aitkin law enforcement will attend. The meeting will start at 5pm at Quadna Mountain Park (the old ski hills).

It was also discussed of doing a “split the pot” at the Belladiva concert. People could sign up and pay for it when they enter the concert, then drawing would be after the fireworks. John McMangile has something that we could use to make a sign to let people know about it as they are driving into the parking area at QMP.

Along the same matter of money making events the chamber talked of selling, hot dogs, sloppy joes, pizza, chips, candy, pop and water during softball games on weekend of June 28. It was talked that we should buy whatever supplies we can locally.

The advertising committee had met. They had prices for advertising on several radio stations, and were waiting for price from WDIO television from Duluth. Jim Lamke from KMFY/KOZY radio station made us an excellent proposal. Greg Bounds made a motion to do radio advertising with them, motion was seconded by Bambi Lange. Motion passed. Their proposal was for 18 days for 6 ads per day on AM station and 6 ads per day on FM station.

Greg Bounds stated that he was meeting with Steve Wilcox from Grand Rapids State Bank on Thur. about donations for ours July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend celebration. He will also be meeting with some of the other banks on donations.

Dave Lange had talked with the Holker Family about entertaining at the gazebo in Bear Park on Sat. July 5<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed that entertainment there on Sat. would not conflict with the All-school reunion program.

Dave Lange is working on getting one of the local churches to do a Sunday service, which would be held at the gazebo also.

It was suggested we contact Gerard and Morgan Valley to sing the National Anthem at the parade if no one else is lined up to do it.

A letter had been written to Michelle Lee to be MC for the parade. We received a reply back from her stating she would not be able to do it and she had commitments at the television station where she works for that weekend.

Grand marshals for the parade have not been finalized yet. We hope to have the oldest members of HC graduate early classes for grand marshals. Several people said they had vehicles that could possibly be used for the grand marshals to ride in. We are looking at maybe 4 couples as grand marshals.

Chamber has received registrations from several food and craft vendors for booth space for July 4th weekend.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Buttons were placed at 7 businesses around town on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. A few more button cans will be made up for other businesses that have requested them.

Bambi Lange said she would try and get a flyer for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend celebration out for fishing opener weekend. This will not be the final flyer but the first one, which can be changed and added to as learn more events that will be happening that weekend. If anyone has or knows of any events that should be included on the flyers please let us know.

Mavis Gowell said she would like to see some t-shirts printed up for the all school reunion that just say "Hill City All School Reunion" and do not include the hornet or hornet pride on them. Greg Bounds said he would see what he could get done for us.

No further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Minutes taken by  
Bambi Lange secretary