

HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on Wed. May 21, 2008 at 5pm at Quadna Mountain Park. The meeting was called to order by president Dave Lange.

Those present at the meeting were: Dave Lange Greg Bounds, Officer Jeff Madssen, Kathy Bounds, John McManigle, Joann Carlson, Georgia Benson, Shirley Spenser, Hollie Hanson, Denise Gilson, Mavis Gowell, Mark Meyer, Nan Berg, Bambi Lange, Janet Hatfield, Kathryn Krammer, and Sheriff Scott Turner.

Secretary's report was read. Mavis Gowell made motion to accept the minutes, motion seconded by Kathy Bounds. Motion passed.

Treasure's report was given. There is \$12,273.04 in the account, with \$2,611.50 that needs to be deposited. Most of this money is registration for all school reunion.

H.C. Chamber Scholarship recipient was picked by scholarship committee. The scholarship will go to McKenzie Anselm. The scholarship is for \$250.00. She will receive the money at the end of the first quarter/semester after she has given us copy of her transcript to verify she is attending said college.

Next item of business discussed was logistics for the concert on July 5th. Band for 4th and 5th both require stage at least 16x24 and to be covered. Denise Gilson had gotten quote from Lefty's to rent stage and also tent. Tent was about \$800/night, stage was about \$1,150/night. They require ½ down when contract is signed. They will set it up each night, then take it down and move it. Denise Gilson made motion to rent stage and tent from Lefty's for the 2 evenings, motion 2nd by Greg Bounds. Motion passed.

There was much discussion on where to put the stage at QMP for best visibility and to meet requirements that band has. It was discussed that the best place for stage would be in the bowl area unless it is rainy. John McManigle said we need to find out what kind of ends we need for power line for them to plug into. Greg Bounds said he will check into that matter.

There was discussion on where to shoot the fireworks off from, depends on where the band and crowd is located. Can keep the crowd back from that area with orange safety fencing. Mark Meyer will coordinate the fireworks. They will cost approximately \$3,000.00. Greg Bounds will order lime green tee shirts for the crew putting off the fireworks and also for those doing safety patrol at the concert.

Officer Jeff Madsen and Sheriff Scott Turner talked with chamber about safety issues and patrol for the area for that weekend. Scott Turner said they will try and have couple deputies in this area both evenings to help out unless there is an emergency in another part of the county. McGrath is also having a celebration that weekend.

Officer Jeff Madsen would like 4 extra officers for that weekend. Hill City council does not want to do this unless the chamber is willing to pay half the cost. Jeff figured it would cost about \$14/hr. for each additional officer. The cost to the chamber would be \$560.00. Two would be out at concert on the 5th and other 2 would be patrolling around town.

Bambi Lange made a motion to pay city \$560.00 to go to extra patrol. Kathy Bounds 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Jeff Madsen said should not let any 4-wheelers past parking lot out at QMP.

Liability insurance was discussed, not sure what the city policy covers. This issue needs to be checked into.

Quadna is covering the insurance for July 5th at QMP. They are paying it out of there own pocket, it will be about \$1,200.00.

Brian from QMP said he would cater the food for the concert on the 5th. The only cost to the chamber for is the cost of the food. All profits would go to the chamber. He will furnish his own help. Mark Meyer made a motion to have Brian _____ do this. Motion was 2nd by Greg Bounds. Motion passed.

Nan Berg from the Civil Air Patrol was at the meeting. She stated they would be willing to help with keeping crowd off the street, epically the children, during the parade. They will also have their color guard here for the parade. The can help with parking, reminding people as leave vehicles no coolers allowed on the 5th at the concert. They also have walkie talkies that can be used out there.

Janet Hatfield and Kathy Bounds said they will collect money at the gate for the concert on July 5th. They will also be in charge of 'Split the Pot' that we will do that evening, probably right after the fireworks.

There was discussion on how to get more donations to cover the expenses for the 4th of July weekend. Greg Bounds had met with Grand Rapids State Bank. They said they would make a donation, but would not commit to an amount. He will try and talk to other banks also. Hollie Hanson sent out letters asking for contributions to different people and businesses in our area. She will also talk to local businesses about making donations. John McMangile said he will talk to the Legion and HC Fireman Relief Assn. about making donations.

Discussed selling food, hats, shirts, and buttons for the softball tournament on weekend of June 28.
See if our cotton candy machine will work and also sell cotton candy.

Mavis Gowell has a list of 2 people from class of 1933, 2 people from class of 1935, 2 people from class of 1936 and 2 from class of 1937 that could be grand marshals for the parade. We would need 4 vehicles for these people to ride into. Elaine Kingsley, and Patty Hodge have vehicles we can use. John McMangile knows someone with 1935 truck that we may be able to use.

Greg Bounds had prices from WDIO TV station for advertising. 50 spots, 30 seconds for \$1,000.00, they will match it since we are non profit group. The last 5 seconds could be advertising for businesses that would like it. The ads would run for 2 weeks before our event. Greg Bounds made motion to go with advertising with WDIO for \$1,000.00. Motion 2nd by John McMangile. Motion passed.

Greg Bounds also had price for radio advertising from 105.5 radio station. They came down in their price to \$4.50. Motion made by Mark Meyer to go with this for 1 week. Motion 2nd by Greg Bounds. Motion passed.

Greg Bounds had talked to Tom Page about shirts for the all school reunion. He could do white type polo shirts with purple design for \$10.00 each.

Mavis Gowell said she would talk to Sawmill Inn about renting part of the pavilion to sell food from for the 4th weekend.

Hollie Hanson said she would order light sticks and such for the chamber to sell during the street dance, concert and other times during the weekend.

Kathryn Krammer talked that there was still Aitkin county grant money available for new projects/events we could apply for. Deadline is July 5th. There was discussion of doing "Art in the Park" the weekend of Sept. 27. Could also do silent auction also at that time. She also showed up a basket she had made us that could use for auctions. She will see if she can write something up for us.

It was decided to hold the Wed. June 4th meeting at Quadna Lodge.

No further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by secretary
Bambi Lange

FYI: Chamber received donation from Grand Rapids State Bank for \$300.00.

Next meeting at Quadna at 6pm on Wed. June 4th to be potluck. If anyone wants to bring a dish to share that would be great. Plates and plastic silverware will be provided. Please bring your own beverage.