

HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on Wednesday June 4, 2008 at Quadna Lodge, starting with potluck meal.

Those present at the meeting were Sam Miranda, Joelle Miranda, Janet Hatfield, Hollie Hanson, Bambi Lange, Greg Bounds, Kathy Bounds, Georgia Benson, Shirley Spenser, Barb Marjerus, Mavis Gowell, Kathlyn Krammer, Ella Kingsley, Mark Meyer, John McMangile, Andi & Steve Villabro.

Meeting was called to order by Dave Lange.

Secretary's report was given. Mavis Gowell made motion to accept the minutes, second by Shirley Spenser, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given. There is \$12,387.54 in checking account. Have check for \$300.00 from Grand Rapids State Bank as donation and money turned in for shirt & hat sales, and button sales that has not been deposited. Since last meeting paid Lefty's tent \$2,475.00 for full rental of tent and stage for 2 nights for concerts. Need to pay check of \$600.00 for half of bleacher rental, and \$125 for small tent rental for July 5th.

Our cost for breakfast on July 5th is \$6.00 per person. Cost of BBQ from Sawmill Inn is \$10.00 per person.

Greg Bounds and Denise Gilson met with Jim Lamke from KOZY/KMFY radio. Radio ads with start on June 17 on those radio stations, will run 6 ads a day. Part of ads promoting July 4th celebration and part promoting all school reunion and Beladiva concert. Ads with radio station will begin Saturday before 4th July weekend.

Denise Gilson is working with WDIO TV stations on those advertisements. There are several businesses in the area that would like to be part of TV ads and will pay to be included. Denise needs to contact businesses to make sure and include them.

Barb Majerius made a motion to make cost to attend Beladiva concert at \$10.00 for 11 and over and 5-10 yrs at \$5.00 per person at the gate, children under 5 will be free. Motion second by Kathy Bounds, motion passed.

Greg Bounds had ordered 100 white polo shirts from Tom Page for the All School Reunion. Shirts have purple writing on them. Have them in sizes 3XXX on down. Each shirt cost \$10.00; we will sell them for \$15.00 each.

Greg Bounds will order some July 4th centennial hats.

We took break from business and went around and introduced ourselves and we had several new people attending our meeting. Thanks for coming.

Talked of writing for grant from Aitkin County, grant needs to be in by first part of July. We decided to do it Kathlyn Krammer will put the grant together for us. It needs to be for new project to promote our area; we will do 'Art in the Park' on Saturday, September 27. Kathy Bounds made motion to pursue this, second by Hollie Hanson, motion passed. Kathy Bounds and Hollie Hanson will coordinate this project. Vendors in park will only be able to sell quality hand crafts. Will also tie in fall city wide garage sale that weekend. Bill Klennert will check with Elaine Klennert to see about tying in some kind of quilt show on a small scale for that weekend also. They would like to do quilt show sometime in Hill City, don't know if it will work for this fall or not yet.

Our membership runs from August to August. Talked of doing membership drive at that time along with meal and having speaker come in. Couple possibilities for speakers mentioned were Bud Stone from Grand Rapids Chamber or one from Walker area Chamber.

Barb Marjerius made motion to order 500 more buttons to sell, Ella Kingsley second motion. Motion passed.

Steve and Andi Villebro explained to Chamber about their new business they are starting with 2 other couples. Their business is guided trail horse rides in Hill City area. Rides will be for age 7 and over, they will also have pony rides in arena area for children under 7.

Discussed putting out more garbage cans to collect garbage over 4th of July weekend. Would be nice if we also have cans out for people to throw their aluminum cans in. Joelle Miranda volunteered to pick up some large 55 gallon contractor garbage bags for us from Wal-Mart to use in garbage cans around town for that weekend.

Chamber went through Need To Do List for Hill City 4th July Weekend. Volunteering and assigning people for things that need to be done to make the weekend work.

Discussed at sometime should check into state chamber insurance on Chamber of Commerce web site.

Decided Chamber needs to meet weekly this next month. Next meeting will be on Wednesday Jun 11 at 6pm at Quadra.

Meeting was adjourn.