

Minutes for Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Held on June 10, 2009

Meeting was called to order by President Dave Lange at 6pm at meeting room at Woodland Bank.

Members present at the meeting were: Joell Miranda, Greg Bounds, Dave Lange, Kathleen Krammer, Shirley Spenser, Ella Kingsley, Patsy O'Brien, Mavis Gowell, Stephanie Andrews, Jeanne Tix, Shelia Dorn, Mike Olson, Jame Harcey, Lisa Anderson, Jessica Kaslow, Georgia Benson, Kathy Bounds, Chuck Hodge, Mark Meyer, Janet Hatfield and Bambi Lange. John McMangile joined and paid his membership dues, Bill Klennert arrived later in the meeting.

Secretary's report was given, Greg Bounds made motion to accept the minutes, second by Jeanne Tix, motion passed.

Chamber had received an e-mail from Ellie Hill they are still looking for more people to sign up to do the ALS/Benefit Walk for Mavis Moe on June 27. Chuck Hodge from Blue Moon said he has 100 bottles of water to donate for the walkers for that day.

Bill Klennert reported on Softball Tournament, he is still accepting applications from teams that wish to play. Kathleen Krammer stated that we can use the Snowmobile food trailer to sell concessions out of for that weekend. Kathy Bounds and Shirley Spenser have the sign up sheets, they can still use some more help selling concessions on Sunday, also to do ground cleanup. We need to remind people that weekend that there is NO smoking on the school grounds.

Gambling permit has been applied for from the state for Fundraiser that Lisa Anderson is in charge on for evening of June 27. The fundraiser should start at 6pm. It will include corn feed, raffle, etc.

Various committees gave reports on their progress for July 4th weekend events. Mavis Gowell stated she has gone to various businesses in Grand Rapids and Aitkin to get prizes for Bingo. Bingo will have to be held at Woodland Bank since there is no other place to hold it. Bingo should start somewhere between 5:30-6pm, hopefully the Legion will be done with the tables by then and they should be back in the building for our use.

Lisa Anderson has talked to Emmy Boatman about singing the National Anthem at the beginning of the parade, she said she will be willing if we can have taped backup music for her to use.

Greg Bounds said everything is okay for entertainment.

Dumpsters and 6 port-a-potties have been ordered for that weekend.

John McMangile has agreed to be MC for the parade again this year.

Lisa Anderson has ordered the plaques for the parade prizes.

Trisha Olson has put donation cans around in various businesses for the sawdust pile; so far she has deposited \$102.22 in the Chamber checking account.

Mike Olson has gone around to various businesses asking for donations toward 4th of July events, he has collected and deposited \$1,240.00 in the Chamber account.

Mark Meyer reported on fireworks for July 4th. They will be similar to what was done last year out at Quadna. They will all be done from boxes so will be loaded ahead of time, and aimed at beach on Hill Lake. They will be more continuous than previous years but also lower. The fireworks show should last between 15-20 minutes.

Lisa Anderson had large flyers printed up listing 4th of July weekend events. She had 500 printed up for \$95.00, she has had another 300 printed up for cost of \$57.51. She will get more as needed.

The Chamber discussed what they should sell at their booth in the pavilion. Possible ideas were popsicles, popcorn, cotton candy, helium balloons. Will check with Rapids Rental to see if they still have popcorn, milk shake machine, etc still available for rental for that weekend. Everyone will try and think of things we can sell and bring list to our next meeting.

Lisa Anderson said that there might be bikes available for donation to Chamber for the 4th. It was discussed how we could give these away – scavenger hunt, coins in sawdust piles. Someone needs to check to see if they can get the bikes then we will decide what to do.

Mavis Gowell reported that the grand marshals are lined up for the parade and vehicles for them to ride in. Grand Marshals are Audrey & Dean Christensen, Audrey & Ben Barratto, and Wanda & Burt Kortikaas

Bill Klennert will see if Dale Swanson will help him do the pie auction.

It was discussed doing the talent show in the gazebo so speakers from talent show and pie auctions would not compete against each other. Dave Lange will contact Sentence to Serve to see if they will leave their trailer in town for the July 4th weekend when they bring up extra picnic tables. That trailer can also be used for stage for bands and/or talent show.

Janet Hatfield gave the treasurer's report. There is \$4,057.59 in the Chamber's checking account, with another \$1,342.22 that was deposited from donations. Verified bills so far that the Chamber's has in connections with this year are 4th of July events are \$5,492.53. Bambi Lange made motion to accept the treasurer's report, motion second by Sheila Dorn, motion passed.

Shirley Spenser stated that Jerry Berg has repaired our sign in Bear Park.

If anyone would like to plant and maintain flowerpots for the summer around town they should let Jeremy Finke or George Casper know and they will put them out for you.

'Take Back the Night' will be held on Wed. Aug. 5th in Hill City. Tom Fasteland, Janet Hatfield and Gerard Valley are organizing the event. The Lion's Club will help with the meat for the meal; rest of the meal will be community potluck.

Kathleen Krammer reported on meeting that few business people had attended previously with John Bennet. He would like to do a meeting with HC Chamber, HC city council and anyone else in Hill City that would be interested in attending. Since the school will not be available to use because of remodeling John McManigle will see if we can do it at the chalet at QMP. The meeting would discuss Market area profiles and how we can use it to help our community grow and bring in more businesses.

As of right now this community meeting would be held on July 15 at 6pm. A sign up sheet will be available to sign up to bring snacks for that meeting.

Sign up sheets were passed around at our meeting to volunteer to sell buttons during softball tournament and walk around sell them on July 3rd-5th; street cleanup after the street dances; working the Chamber booth during the 4th of July; also for donating pies for the pie auction. We need more people to volunteer on all the sheets; they will be passed around again at the next meeting.

No further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes taken by,
Bambi Lange secretary