

**HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on June 11, 2008 at 6pm at Quadna Lodge.

The meeting was called to order by president Dave Lange.

Those present at the meeting were: Greg Bounds, Mavis Gowell, Ella Kingsley, Kathlyn Krammer, Joann Carlson, Hollie Hanson, Mark Meyer, Janet Hatfield, Kathy Bounds, Georgia Benson, Shirley Spenser, Barb Majerus, Dave Lange, Bambi Lange, John McMangle and Joell and Sam Miranda.

The secretary's report was given. Mark Meyer made motion to approve the minutes with the addition of radio station 105.5 add in sentence that read," Ads with radio station will begin Saturday before 4<sup>th</sup> July weekend. Greg Bounds seconded the motion, the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given with balance of \$13,661.93 in the checking account. We still need about \$20,640 to cover all bills that will come in with weekend events for 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Shirley Spenser made motion to accept the treasurer's report, motion seconded by Ella Kingsley, motion passed.

Kathlyn Krammer gave a report on the grant for Aitkin County that she is working on writing for us. It would be for 'Art in the Park' on the weekend of September 27, 2008. She suggested that maybe we team up with City of Hill City or some other group to help sponsor this event each year. She also suggested encouraging area churches to have bake and craft sales that weekend also. Maybe encourage businesses to have booths there also, such as area motels, realty companies and etc. One of our purposes with this event is to draw people into our area from outside our area. Kathlyn will continue working on the grant for us. It must be submitted by early July.

Kathlyn Krammer will check with Snowmobile Club or Fire Dept. to see if we can borrow their portable food booth to use weekend of June 28 to sell concessions out of during Softball Tournament. Kathy Bounds will make a sign up sheet for volunteers to work at the food booth both days. Hollie Hanson has money tray that can use, Bambi Lange also has money box that can be used. Joann Carlson reminded us that we will need a starting balance to work with. Donations of bars and cookies would be appreciated to also sell.

Hollie Hanson is working with Dennis Rief in making up and printing a large flyer including all events for 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. She will have 1,000 flyers printed. Hollie stated that for \$25 we can get 500 inserts placed in the Aitkin newspaper.

Greg Bounds played a copy of the 2 radio ads that we will have on KOZY/KMFY radio stations for 2 weeks. The ads were very well done.

Denise Gilson is working with WDIO TV station for advertising on that station.

Greg Bounds has white hats with blue and red on them ordered for selling on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Denise Gilson has ordered wristbands to be used at the Beladiva concert on July 5<sup>th</sup>. She ordered 1,000 red and 1,000 blue for cost of \$160 each color. It was discussed having an officer at the gate when people come and have them placed the wristbands on. People would know then right off the bat that we have police coverage at the concert.

Hollie Hanson got one of her food vendors to donate the eggs for us to use in the egg toss contest, so we will not be selling eggs after the first toss. All tosses in egg toss will be free.

Hollie Hanson was talked to other food vendors and has gotten other donations for us. Coke is sending a box of 50 prizes, couple other places are donating boxes of 50 prizes so we will have enough prizes for kiddy carnival on July 6<sup>th</sup> and also as prizes for on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Hollie Hanson said that she will get Henry's to donate pudding and bowls for our pie eating contest.

Kathy Bounds will contact Paul Christensen to see how much change we need for prizes for foot races. She will also contact Tina Haugen to see what is needed for prizes for the talent contest.

Hollie Hanson ordered novelties for the chamber to sell in their booth on the 4<sup>th</sup> and also for in the evening. The total came to \$426.50 that she ordered from Oriental Trading, she asked the Chamber to reimburse her for this amount. Georgia Benson made a motion to reimburse Hollie for \$416.50. Motion was seconded by Bambi Lange, motion passed.

John McMangile said he will MC the parade for us this year. Thank you John for volunteering for this job.

The Chamber discussed encouraging people to support our event by buying our button. Encourage people that are to be in the parade to proudly wear one of our buttons and if we do any kind of shuttle could possibly be free if you are wearing a button.

Cindy James asked if it would be possible for her to have spot in chamber booth in the pavilion for video and pictures, in exchange she would be willing to help work in our booth.

Discussion was held on 'Split the Pot'. It was decided to place on ticket saying "Need not be present to win". John McMangile made the motion stating winner does not need to be present to win on Split the Pot. Motion was seconded by Mavis Gowell, motion passed. We thought more people would purchase a ticket if they knew they did not have to stay around the whole event for the drawing. The winner would sign a receipt stating they won, could also take their picture. Winnings could be paid out in cash, with a receipt. With cash they would be more likely to spend the money they won in our area than if paid with a check.

It was decided that the Chamber would do a Pie Auction this year. We will not pay anyone to do any baking for us; it will all be donated food that will be auctioned. John McMangile said he would do the auctioning or find someone to do it. Pie auction will be at 3 pm in the pavilion. Can donate other food than just pies, such as cake, muffins, cookies, bars.

Chamber is to furnish bars for desert for the BBQ at the all school reunion. Mavis Gowell asked if it would be okay if she asked the various churches to donate bars for this cause. It would be fine.

Mavis Gowell, Georgia Benson and Shirley Spenser met with Principal Dean Yocum to discuss the program for the All School Reunion.

It was discussed doing a Silent Auction with some items than have been donated to the Chamber. Item are overnight passes to Grand Casino, stay at Blue Moon Resort.

Hollie Hanson discussed using the logo that the Chamber had made up long time ago. She is the only one with it on her computer. Decided it should be used on receipt book that the chamber needs to get printed up.

Kathlyn Krammer had some ideas for recruiting members. Decided she should be part of the membership committee. Chamber membership runs from August to August. It was discussed doing membership drive and meal with speaker at that time.

No further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the pavilion uptown.

Hollie Hanson as volunteered to have the Chamber meeting on Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> at her house at 6pm

She lives at 322 Maple Street NE.

John McMangile will grill hamburgers for us. Bring a dish to share.

(Hollie has a grill at her house for us to use in grilling.)