

HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on Wednesday June 25, 2008 at 6pm at Hill City's Pavilion. Those present at the meeting were: Erin Boleman, Jessie Ahonen, Hollie Hanson, Georgia Benson, Mavis Gowell, Ella Kingsley, Patsy O'Brien, Mark Meyer, Dave Lange, Shirley Spenser, Kathy Bounds, Greg Bounds, Bill Klennert, Janet Hatfield, Elaine Kingsley, Barb Majerus, John McManigle, Joell Miranda, Bambi Lange, Dale Swanson.

The meeting was called to order by president Dave Lange. The secretary's report was given. Shirley Spenser made a motion to accept the minutes, motion second by Mavis Gowell, motion passed.

Bill Klennert reported on having between 16-18 teams lined up to softball tournament. If there are 18 teams than it would start 1 hour earlier and run 1 hour longer. He said it should be done by 6:30 on Sunday evening. He said there is only 1 port-a-potty at the field and should have at least one more. Mike Casper told him there was one by airport that could be brought in and used. Bill Klennert will contact Goble's about pumping them out Sunday morning. Bill stated the school is only charging \$1 for field use this year.

Decided we should try and keep tally sheet in concession stand to keep track of hats, tee shirts, buttons that we sell.

Kathlyn Krammer was checking with Snowmobile club to use their food wagon, some members felt the new concession stand was too far from softball field and players wouldn't walk that far to buy food. We received an e-mail Wed. evening from Kathlyn Krammer and it is okay to use their food wagon, Joe will let us know where to pick it up at and they will want it returned to their clubhouse when we are done.

Erin Boleman and Jessie Ahonen were at the meeting representing the baton twirlers. After much discussion it was decided to help the baton twirlers out, but not to pay anyone else for making pies to sell in the Pie Auction. If someone wants to make one to donate to sell that is great but we are not going to pay someone else to make some when chamber members are willing to do it themselves for nothing. The baton twirlers use their money to help make it possible for the baton twirlers to be in our parade each year, with uniforms, music and batons when needed. It was decided about 50 pies is a good number to have. Twirlers will donate about 25 and chamber members will donate about 25. Hollie Hanson made a motion to give the Baton Twirlers half of what their pies sell for and 100% of what chamber pies sell for will go to the chamber. Ella Kingsley second the motion, the motion passed.

John McMangile will find someone to volunteer to do the auction or he will do it.

Nan Berg from the Civil Air Patrol was unable to attend our meeting, but she let president Dave Lange know that they will help with crowd control on July 4th during the parade and with parking vehicles on July 5th for the concert.

Hollie Hanson said that for next year we need to check into insurance for the chamber and also have vendors have certificate of insurance that they can give us.

Treasurer's report was given. We have \$13,988.43 in the checking account. \$914.00 had been deposited since last meeting, and she had written a check for \$750.00 for 4th of July hats that Greg Bounds had had made. Bambi Lange made motion to accept treasurer's report, motion second by Shirley Spenser, motion passed.

Hollie Hanson had copies of large flyer that she had Treasure Bay make up for us. She also reported that CTB will pay to have flyers put in Grand Rapids and Aitkin newspapers.

Lisa Anderson requested to be able to use electrical hook up by pavilion for her band for Saturday night. Chamber's response was that was okay, it would be nice though if she gave some kind of donation to chamber.

Right now we have 12 craft vendors and 10 food vendors registered. One food vendor is setting up at Hill Lake Park; this was okay by the city.

Janet Hatfield and others will work the chamber booth on the 4th. We will be selling buttons, shirts, hats, novelties, cotton candy, raffle ticket for quilt, split the pot tickets and possibly water and pop. Chamber will man the booth from about 9 – 4.

Hollie Hanson and her family will walk around selling light sticks and other glow in the dark items during the street dance on the 4th.

It was decided we would need about 1,000 split the pot tickets for the 4th of July and 1,000 for the 5th of July.

John McMangile reported that he had youth group from local church come out and clean the grounds at QMP. He asked for 6 concert tickets to give to those youths. Bambi will get the tickets to him.

Bill Klennert of Cedar Electric will donate his time to do necessary wire hook up at QMP for our concert, no parts will be needed.

John McMangile reported that Nate Rollins from public TV would like to be in tower with him when he MC the parade. He will tape our parade for public TV.

Mavis Gowell reported that we will need 3 vehicles for our grand marshals for the parade. We have vehicles volunteered for them to ride in by Elaine Kingley, Patty Hodge, and '35 pick up by friend of John McMangile.

Dave Lange reported on idea that he had for chamber float for the parade. It would be giant mirrors (that he has) on both sides of trailer with saying, to the effect of "Hill City's greatest asset you the tourist". People would see themselves in the mirrors. The chamber has bunting that could go around bottom of trailer.

Dale Swanson report on the Texas Holdem Tournament. He would like the chamber to donate \$155 for the prize money. The Tournament will be held July 6th at Mikes Uptown, and Harry's. The concession of the group at this time was if Dale could get Mike's and Harry's to contribute at least half the chamber would do the other half or at least each join the chamber and pay business membership. Right now the chamber is about \$6,000.00 short to cover the expenses for the weekend.

Members will meet at 6:30pm on Sunday June 29 at Quadna to stuff folders for the all school reunion.

Under new business it was mentioned that there would be circus in Hill City on July 3rd in the evening. We will have our port-a-potties already in town for July 4th. Will they be used that evening by people and then not be clean and ready for when we ordered them?

If anyone has gotten any donations, get your list to Bambi by Friday June 27th if you want them mentioned on our master donation list that will be in all the folders for all school reunion and on billboard uptown on July 4th.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting Wed. July 2nd at 6pm at the pavilion.