

HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Minutes from Chamber Meeting held on Wed. August 20, 2008

Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on August 20, 2008 at the meeting room at Woodland Bank at 6pm.

Those present at the meeting were: Mark Meyer, Joann Carlson, Sam & Joell Miranda, Greg Bounds, Hollie Hanson, Kathy Bounds, Shirley Spenser, Dave Lange, Kathy Krammer, Barb Marjuis, Chuck Hodge, Janet Hatfield, Patsy O'Brien, Georgia Benson, Mavis Gowell, Ella Kingsley, Bambi Lange and Patty Hodge.

President Dave Lange called the meeting to order.

Secretary's report was given. Minutes were accepted, with change amount given to baton twirlers from pie auction, amount should have read \$536.50.

Treasurer's report was given. There is balance on \$5,475.12 in checking account. There is still couple bills need to be paid for 4th July events, insurance to city for fireworks, police dept. that was approved earlier this summer, and \$25 to firemen that helped with fireworks(Mark Meyer is to get list of names to Janet). Janet has been trying to meet us with Bill about bill to Roadside, lumber he bought to finish gazebo was added onto Roadside bill then he submitted bill later to Janet and she paid it to him – so has been paid twice. Janet has submitted paperwork to Aitkin County pertaining to grant they gave us for All School Reunion.

Mavis Gowell had paid for new numbers for bingo game. Motion made by Kathy Bounds second by Shirley Spenser to reinverse her for that amount. Motion passed.

The membership committee has met about 5 times. Mark Meyer gave a report about those meetings. They have discussed what the Chamber's purpose and goals are. Mark had gotten a copy of the Chamber's Article of Incorporation for the Chamber from MN State Secretary of State Office. The committee had discussed putting borchure rack at the pavilion for businesses to place their brochures. The committee suggested business membership to start at \$100, depending on how many employees business has, and individual membership at \$25.00. They would like to give businesses a certificate of membership after they join the chamber. They also discussed businesses possibly doing 'Chamber Bucks'. They suggested possible business membership drive for Sept. 6 from 9:30-11:30am at Blue Moon. Then membership appreciation dinner Oct. 12,

possibly at snowmobile club, with mixer at 4 pm, presentation at 4:30, then dinner to follow.

There was much discussion on how to increase business membership. Barb Majurus made motion to set business membership at flat \$100.00, motion seconded by Kathy Krammer, motion passed.

Mark Meyer made motion to set membership for churches and non-profit organizations at \$50.00, and individual membership at \$15.00. Senior membership would be \$10.00; a senior would be anyone over 60 years. Motion seconded by Greg Bounds, motion passed.

The "Art in the Park" committee gave their report. They have about 15 vendors interested in participating in "Art in the Park" in September. They have put ads in Grand Rapids and Aitkin papers about the event and looking for vendors. They suggested that local businesses could have specials for that day or weekend and we would include them in our information. The Chamber could do a bake sale that day also. Mavis Gowell and Ella Kingsley volunteered to be in charge of the bake sale. The Methodist Church is also planning on doing a Pie and Coffee sale that day. The grant we applied for from Aitkin County for this event has been tentatively approved. Suggested that the Chamber sell hot dogs, sloppy joes and pop that day. Hollie Hanson will make posters for this event. They will be posted in the community and in surrounding areas.

New Business:

Discussed possible Wild Game Feed for February 9, 2009. There are still issues to clear up for this event.

Elections of officers were held. With exception of vice president the officers will remain the same for another year.

Dave Lange president

Chuck Hodge vice president

Janet Hatfield treasurer

Bambi Lange secretary.

Discussed possibly doing Chamber annual picnic in the future.

Our next meeting will be on Wed. September 17, 2008 at 6pm at Woodland Bank meeting room.

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

Minutes taken by
Bambi Lange