

HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Minutes of November 18, 2009 Meeting

Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on November 11, 2009 at 6pm at meeting room at Woodland Bank.

Those present at the meeting were: Greg Bounds, Dave Lange, Bambi Lange, Georgia Benson, Shirley Spenser, Kathy Bounds, Mark Meyer, Ricky Kegen, Janet Hatfield, and Bill Klennert.

President Dave Lange called the meeting to order.

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

Kathy Bounds gave a report on what had been set up about Santa's visit. Santa is scheduled to be in Hill City at 5:30pm on Dec. 19. Santa and his sleigh will be on the back of semi trailer – it will all be lite up (that is why we are waiting to do it at 5:30 pm when it will be dark and look better). It will park on Lake Avenue in front of the Assembly of God Church. (The people doing this are Christensen family relatives.) The HC Legion will have someone there to take pictures, they will pay for the first picture, and if people want more there will be a charge for them.

Ricky Kegan made a motion for the Chamber to spend up to \$100 for goodie bags so the children visiting Santa, motion second by Shirley Spenser, motion passed.

Bambi Lange will make posters about Santa's visit.

Chamber will discuss at Dec. meeting about possible donation to people doing the Santa visit.

Greg Bounds reported that he had contacted the insurance company that handled the insurance for the Harlem Ambassadors to see what kind of policy they could do for the Chamber for liability insurance. Greg will report more when he receives packet they were mailing him.

Hill City's 4th of July parade in 2010 will be held on Sunday afternoon July 4th. Dave Lange had made contact about a jet flyover. They can do it on Sunday, sometime between noon & 2pm; exact time will be set (probably around 1:30).

Discussed the possibility of some events being held on Saturday July 3rd. Mike's Uptown will probably do their mud volleyball on that day.

Fireworks have always been done on the 4th; they will be done on Sunday July 4th.

Greg Bounds reported that he had listened to band "Grock". He signed contract with them to do street dance on Sat. July 3rd, 2010 for \$800.00. They do not require any payment till after they have played.

It was suggested that the speakers along Lake Avenue should be tested before next 4th of July. It was discussed, who does this, how much does it cost. Will see if anyone can find out who does this and how much they would charge.

Chamber discussed doing a Membership Dinner. It was discussed this could be anything from potluck to a catered meal where each person would pay for their own meal. Discussed talking to local establishments to see if any would be interested in doing it, price they would give us and how many they could comfortably seat.

January 17th date was discussed. We would invite all businesses to join us that day.

Discussion was held about motion that was presented to the Chamber at October meeting about adding to the by-laws. The motion was: "If someone/business does not join at regular yearly meeting when dues are due, they would have to wait 30 days before their voting membership rights become effective."

Motion has now been presented at two meetings. Those present at this meeting all voted to add this to our bylaws. Motion passed.

Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce received a membership packet from Aitkin Chamber of Commerce. We will contact them to see if they are interested in exchanging memberships.

Motion was made by Greg Bounds to pay current Chamber bills. They include invoices from KOZY Radio, Aitkin Independent Age – for advertisement for Harlem Ambassador events, and add from July 4th for Herald Review. (Ads for KOZY and Aitkin Independent Age should be covered by Aitkin Tourism Grant which was to promote advertising for new events in Hill City area.)

Motion was second by Bill Klennert, motion passed.

There is now \$733.35 left in Tourism grant money.

The Hill City Chamber wishes to thank Janet Hatfield for the good job she has done as our treasurer for the past 2 years.

It was talked about what the Chamber can do recognize major changes that some businesses are doing around Hill City. It was suggested that a green plant would be nice. Kathy Bounds volunteered to talk to Mary Lund (who works in floral dept. at Cub) to see what she could suggest and prices.

The Chamber meets the 3rd Wed. of each month, if the HC high school concert is that evening then we will meet on the 2nd Wed. – which would be Dec. 9th at 6pm.

No further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Bambi Lange secretary

** Next Chamber meeting will be on Wed. December 9th at 6pm at meeting room of old Woodland Bank building.

Hill City High School Concert will be on Wed. December 16th at 7pm at Hill City High School.

Hill City Elementary Concert will be on Fri. December 18th at 1:45pm at Hill City School.