

HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Minutes from Chamber Meeting held on Wed. November 19th, 2008

Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on November 19, 2008 at Blue Moon Resort & Loon Grill at 6 pm.

Dave Lange, Gerard Valley, Jerry & Marilyn Ubel, Georgia Benson, Shirley Spenser, Mavis Gowell, Bill Becker, Greg Bounds, Janet Hatfield and Bambi Lange were present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President David Lange.

Secretary's report was given. Shirley Spenser made motion to accept minutes, motion second by Georgia Benson. Motion passed.

Christmas with Santa will be on Saturday December 13 from 1 to 3 pm. It will be held at Assembly of God Church. Committee of Joell Miranda, Kathy Bounds and Patty Hodge are arranging the event. They should keep Gerard Valley informed on what they want to do at the church; he said chairs can be moved around if needed. Greg Bounds made a motion for the Chamber to donate \$100.00 toward candy/goodie bags for the children. Motion seconded by Georgia Benson, motion passed.

Bill Becker said the Legion will probably pay for pictures to be taken of children with Santa as they did last year.

Dave Lange told the Chamber of an event he had in mind for the Chamber and community to be in. A stake is pounded into the ground than covered with snow. Chances are sold for \$1 each to guess when the stake would appear in the spring. He also suggested piling snow in Bear Park, Veteran's Park, by Sunny's, and possible Ben's Park. Different groups could do snow sculptures, possibly around a theme picked out. Dave Lange, Greg Bounds, Chuck Hodge, and Jerry Ubel are on the committee to set these events up.

The Chamber's constitution committee is working on updating the constitution and amendments.

Georgia Benson spoke about the Thrift Shop that will be opening up in Hill City about Dec. 13. It will be operating as of now, out of old Hill City Merc building located next to Assembly of God Church.

The treasurer arrived at the meeting and her report was given. Right now there is \$6,567.13 in the checking account. We have received the check for grant from Aitkin Tourism for 'Art in the Park'. It appears we will have to refund part of the money since she does not have receipts to show all the money was spent. Janet has talked with Anita at Roadside and the bill there should be resolved by next meeting. Treasurer state that we made about \$800.00 with 'Art in the Park'. Shirley Spenser made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Marilyn Ubel, motion passed.

We discussed celebrations for July 4th 2009. We would like the events to revolve around "Our City and Our Lake". We set the time for the parade for 10:30 on July 4th, flotilla parade about 7:30pm, and fireworks at dusk. Times were tentatively set so they could be submitted to "Explore MN" for their spring/summer list of events.

Greg Bounds and Chuck Hodge volunteered to be on advertising and entertainment committees. More committees will be set up at next meeting, if you are interested in being involved in certain committees for July 4th events, let an officer know. Events for July 4th celebrations will be from Fri the 3rd, to Sunday the 5th.

People liked the MC for the parade walking around and talking to people, but they need a better sound system; possibly spacing speakers further apart so more people can hear, or they need to use larger speakers.

People like the baton twirlers but some felt they routines were long, possibly have baton twirlers march in parade, then do their show right after the parade on main street or at a different time on that day.

The softball tournament that Bill Klennert is involved in doing will be the weekend before the 4th. Discussed possibly doing street dance that weekend sponsored by the chamber.

Discussed how can get different groups in the area to work together, and on events, (Chamber, Legion, Lion, Fire Dept. Deer Hunter's Assn.)

Discussion was held on comments made on Chamber's dues. \$15 for individuals, \$10 for senior citizens, \$50 for non-profit groups and \$100 for businesses. Part of business fees go toward them being able to advertise and be listed on Chamber web-site, they could even have links to their web sites. If we get more businesses involved in the Chamber, then the Chamber would be willing to look at changing how fees are set up, but right now very few businesses are involved in Chamber and their activities, it is mainly individuals doing a lot of the work at events.

The Chamber recognized Chuck Hodge of Blue Moon Resort for being appointed to MN congress of resort board, it is a 3yr term, and there are about 280 resorts throughout the state involved.

Blue Moon Resort is hosting a Christmas bash on December 13 from 5 till closing. They will gather toys to be donated to Toys for Tots.

It was decided to cancel the December meeting for the Chamber due to so many other events going on, the school concert is scheduled for night of our December meeting.

The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2009 at Woodland Bank meeting room unless someone would like to host the January meeting. If you wish to host the January meeting, please let Bambi know by Jan. 10 so it can be advertised.

Jerry Ubel made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mavis Gowell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

Minutes taken by
Bambi Lange