

HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 2010 MEETING

The Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce meeting was called to order by President Dave Lange. Those present at the meeting were: Julie Anne Larkin, Hank Berg, Tina Harcey, Greg Bounds, Bill Becker, Dave and Bambi Lange, Lisa Anderson, Tami Meyer, Joel Miranda, and Janet Hatfield. We went around the room and everyone introduced themselves.

The secretary's report was given. Tami Meyer made motion to accept the minutes from last meeting, Hank Berg second the motion, the motion passed.

Treasurer Ricky Kegan returned the Chamber checkbook to Dave Lange saying she didn't have time to attend meetings and do all necessary work. Bambi Lange nominated Janet Hatfield to fill that position until next elections in Aug. Bill Becker second nomination. Joel Miranda nominated Tami Meyer for treasurer position, second by Dave Lange. Janet said she would do it if Tami wouldn't, Tami Meyer agreed to accept the position. Motion passed to appoint Tami Meyer as Chamber Treasurer until elections in August 2011.

Kathy Bounds could not be at the meeting, but stated that so far she has 12 people that have signed up to participate in the city garage sale day which is May 1.

City wide clean up for Hill City is the week of April 24 - 30.

Chamber discussed the placement of barrel flower pots around town. Dave Lange will let the city maintenance staff know where to place the flower barrels. If anyone wants to plant and maintain a specific barrel please let Bambi Lange or Tami Meyer know. Flower barrels that are not spoken for by May 15 will then be planted by anyone.

Bambi Lange reported that 7 seniors applied for the Chamber's 2 scholarships this year, each scholarship is for \$300.00. Joel Miranda, Lisa Anderson, and Hank Berg each took an envelope with the scholarship applications to read and rank as how they feel they should be awarded. They should have their decisions back to Bambi Lange by May 5, 2010.

Greg Bounds reported on what he had found out about liability insurance for the Chamber. Itasca Reliable Insurance had the best price at \$565/year, this includes a million dollar limit, would cover the pavilion and no additive charge for each Chamber sponsored event. Greg stated that he had checked with other chambers and they each carry their own policies with local insurance agencies. For an extra \$155 we could also include auto premium for if you were using your vehicle for chamber business, also could add on to cover officers. It was stated that they do require each vendor (for like 4th

of July and Art in the Park) to carry their own insurance and they should provide us a copy of their insurance. Greg Bounds made a motion to go with Itasca Reliable Insurance for their \$565/yr policy, Bill Becker second the motion, the motion passed.

The Chamber next discussed selling concessions at the softball tournament on June 26. Our insurance policy will not cover any event where alcohol is used. Bill Klennert was not at the meeting, but had previously stated the Corner Club was talking about liking to may be involved in it this year. It was decided to table any further discussion on this until the next meeting when hopefully Bill Klennert will be there to clarify some questions we had.

There are a group of guys in the area that are working at sponsoring BBQ wars that would be hosted & sponsored at various locations, Harry's Bar, Quadna, Blue Moon, and Corner Club. They had asked if there was any money left in our Aitkin Tourism Grant to help promote this event. Lisa Anderson made a motion for the Chamber to use \$400.00 from grant money for advertising these events. Bill Becker second the motion, the motion passed. If the advertising is done with the grant money it must state about Aitkin County Tourism.

Next item discussed was Hill City 4th of July events for this coming summer. Bambi Lange stated that she had she had gotten button design from 2 classes at school (Graphic Arts and high school art class). The designs were passed around for those at the meeting to pick which designs they liked best for the button for this year. She also states that she had gotten a price from PC Refresh to make the buttons this year again, the price they gave us \$.43/button for 1,500 buttons. It was discussed whether the chamber make the buttons or have them made, it was decided to have them made. Lisa Anderson made the motion to have PC Refresh make the buttons, motion second by Bambi Lange, the motion passed.

Tina Harcey volunteered to look into and work on getting t-shirts printed to sell for 4th of July, the shirts could have same design on them as buttons or something completely different. Dave Lange will work with her on possibly having sponsors on the shirts, like what was done with sponsors when Harlem Ambassadors were in town.

There was some discussion on what the Chamber could sell in their booth this year. Possibly could sell pulled pork sandwiches made by Sam Miranda, balloons, ice cream treats and cotton candy. Lisa Anderson brought up that she would like to see the parade held on July 4th instead of July 3rd, that was voted on at the March meeting. After much discussion Lisa Anderson made a motion for the Chamber to have a special meeting solely to discuss and vote on which day the parade and time of the parade should be held. The motion was second by Tami Meyer, motion passed. The special meeting will be on April 27, 2010 at 7pm at Community Meeting Room at City Hall. Everyone can voice their option at the meeting, the only ones that will be able to vote are current members that are present at the meeting.

Dave Lange will pursue looking into and applying for one day gambling permit to sell tickets, to total \$5,000.00.

There was some discussion about when Art in the Park should be held this year. We will see if the people that were on that committee last year would like to work on that committee again this year. Bambi Lange made motion to pay all current bills; which would be property tax, electric for the pavilion, insurance and for Kim Niles who maintains our web-site.

It was stated that the City of Hill City will host an Open House on May 20, 2010 from 1-4pm at the New City Hall. Bambi Lange made motion for the chamber to present the city with a plant at the Open House, motion second by Joel Miranda, the motion passed.

Bill Becker stated that the Legion Memorial Services will be held at 10 am at Hill Lake Cemetery, 10:45 at MacVile Cemetery, and 11:30 at Memorial Park in Hill City.

The next regular Chamber meeting will be held on May 19, 2010 at 6pm at the Community Room at City Hall.

No further business to discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Minutes taken by:
Secretary Bambi Lange