

MINUTES FROM HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING ON
7/22/09

Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on July 22, 2009 at 6pm at meeting room at Woodland Bank.

Members present were: Shirley Spenser, Mavis Gowell, Ella Kingsley, Mark Meyer, Dave & Bambi Lange, Trisha Olson, Lisa Anderson, Jessica Kaslow, Jeann Tix, Greg Blanchard, Mike Olson, Tom Fasteland, Joell Miranda, and Kathleen Kramer.

Also present were: Michelle & Mark Blanchard.

Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by president David Lange.

Secretary's report was given. Jeann Tix made motion to accept the minutes, second by Mavis Gowell, motion passed.

The treasurer was not at the meeting, but bills were presented for \$2,846.87 for advertising that would be covered by grant money. Also presented for bills for advertising for 4th July events that Lisa Anderson had placed in the papers. \$200.00 for Aitkin Independent Age and \$687.65 for GR Herald Review, Lisa said she had been quoted \$510.30 for Herald Review; she will call them and see about that price. Shirley Spenser made motion to pay the above bills, Tom Fasteland second it, motion passed with 1 nay vote.

Lisa Anderson made motion to pay baton twirlers the whole amount for their pie sales instead of just half which we have previously done. The whole amount was \$272.00. Motion second by Jeann Tix, the motion passed.

Bingo went well, thank you to Mavis Gowell for the really nice prizes she collected for it.

The 4th of July parade was discussed. Need to follow through with no throwing candy from moving vehicles, if you are going to pass out candy you need to walk along side by the curb. Had major problem this year with children and adults standing in the street and would not move back.

Discussed placement of color guard in the parade. Decided the color guard will lead the parade, baton twirlers since are school organization just like drum corp they should be part of the parade. Kiddies Walk could be before the actually parade.

Papers for parade entries maybe should be passed off to MC when then are closer to him, a clipboard would also help. Loud speakers for parade worked better this year.

A thank you was placed in the GR newspaper thanking everyone that we knew about for their donations to Hill City's 4th of July festivities.

It was hard to hear the water show on the bleachers because the speakers were set up in the park.

Some vendors felt our vendor fees were too high with the economy the way it is, maybe food vendors should be \$75-\$100. Will look at closer to 4th of July next year.

Tom Fasteland asked if the Chamber would be willing to donate toward the fireworks for the 4th of July along with the Lions and Fire Dept. Jeann Tix made motion to donate \$500.00 toward the fireworks, motion second by Dave Lange, motion passed.

Tom Fasteland talked about "National Night Out" which Hill City will be holding on Wed. Aug. 5 at 6pm. It will be time for everyone to get together, meats will be provided, and rest meal will be potluck.

Ella Kingsley made motion to donate the brats the Chamber had left over from softball tournament (that are still at Roadside-unopened) for National Night Out. Motion seconded by Mavis Gowell, motion passed.

Greg Blanchard made a motion for the Chamber to donate up to \$100 to "National Night Out" for them to buy supplies with that they might need. Motion seconded by Kathleen Kramer, motion passed.

Dave Lange talked a little about Harlem Ambassadors which he has scheduled to come to Hill City on Sept. 23 at 7 pm do put on a show at the school. We need about 20 players for our team, must be over 18 to play. The cost is \$2,200.00, he has paid the down payment of \$500.00 himself. We should be able to use some of the remaining grant money for advertising for this event, since the grant money was for new events that would draw people to our community.

Mavis Gowell made motion to adjourn, second by Mark Meyer; meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Minutes taken by secretary,
Bambi Lange