

HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Minutes from Aug. 19, 2009 Meeting

Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual meeting.
Those present were 41 people present.
President Dave Lange called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Secretary's report was read. Shirley Spenser made motion to accept the minutes as read, motion second by Ella Kingsley, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given. There is \$7,977.14 in the checking account; of that amount over \$2,000.00 is still from the Aitkin County Grant money. Patty Hodge made motion to accept treasurer's report, motion second by Mark Meyer, motion passed.

Tom Fasteland gave a report on how "National Night Out". It was felt it went extremely well especially with it being our first year. There were over 124 adults and over 50 children there. The cost for the event was \$282.80. At a previous meeting the Chamber had passed a motion to donate up to \$100.00 toward "National Night Out". Patty Hodge made a motion to donate the total \$100 to them; they could apply their excess funds towards next year's event. Motion was seconded by Bill Becker, motion passed.

Hill City holds their "National Night Out" on the first Wed. of Aug. next year's event will be held on Aug. 4, 2010.

Barb Majerus and Hollie Hanson gave a report on the upcoming "Art in the Park" event. It is scheduled to be held on Sept. 12, 2009 from 9 – 4:30pm in Bear Park. Right now they have 10 vendors, 3 produce vendors. There will also be Bake Sale held by the Chamber, please have your baked products to donate to the gazebo by 8:30 am so it may be marked. CTB will pay for the advertizing for this event. Hollie stated the bills for the advertizing would be given right to Joann to pay instead of having it go through the Chamber. The Chamber will do a food booth, with sloppy joes, chips and pop. Lisa Anderson Chamber could use her pop dispenser instead of doing cans of pop; she also has cups for us to use.

Dave Lange reported on the Harlem Ambassadors that will be coming to Hill City to play basketball on Sept. 23 at 7 pm. It will cost \$2,200.00 to have them come; there should be no cost to the Chamber as will have sponsors for the event. Major sponsors at \$400, also \$100 and \$50 sponsors. Dave Trout is donating the use of his townhouse for their housing; Hill Lake Café will open up after the event to provide a meal for them.

Tickets will be sold in advance. Money from the Aitkin County Grant will be able to be used to promote this event in the area surrounding Hill City.

Proceeds from the event will be divided between – Hill City Scholarship Fund, Hill City Athletic Sports Camps for high school students, and Hill City Chamber.

Under new business it was discussed changing the membership fees to see if more businesses would join. With the business membership fee would come being listed and advertizing on the chamber web-site.

It was discussed about all businesses being listed on web-site, if Chamber member name would be in bolder type and could do advertizing for their business.

Committee was set up of Dave Lange, Chuck Hodge, Hollie Hanson, Bill, Lisa Anderson and Mike Olson. They decided to meet on Sept. 9 at 6pm at Woodland Bank; they will give a report of what they discussed at our next regular meeting.

Chamber had election of officers.

Candidates for president were Dave Lange and Greg Blanchard.

Dave Lange received 28 votes, 11 Greg Blanchard, and Janet Hatfield 1.

Dave Lange was elected president.

Greg Bounds was nominated for vice president; no other nominations Greg Bounds accepted that position.

Bambi Lange was nominated for secretary; no other nominations Bambi Lange accepted that position.

Janet Hatfield was nominated for treasurer, she declined the position.

Ricky Keegan was nominated for treasurer she said she would accept that position if she could start after Oct.

Motion was made by Patty Hodge to hold the regular Chamber meetings on the 3rd Wed. of each month at 6pm to hold meetings at meeting room at Woodland Bank. Motion was second by Marilyn Ubel, motion passed.

Bill Becker reported that Hill Lake Township is collecting donations to install a flag pole with solar lights for it. He will see if he can get more info. for us for the next meeting.