

Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce

April 5, 2017 Minutes

The Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 6:02 PM by President, Tim Tipton. Those individuals present were: Allen Barth, Jay Gossett, Dillon Haas, Bunny Haugan, Billie Herron, Lexi Hottell, Cherie MacClellan, Paula Pike, Jill Plaskon, Shelley Quigley, Karen Robertson, Mark Stedman and Marge Womack.

February's minutes were approved as recorded.

The Treasurer's report was skipped due to Cindy being absent. Tim shared that we receive a generous donation from Robert Sewell in the amount of \$5,000 that has been put in the General Fund for the present time.

New Business

Due to the vacancy for Vice President, nominations were made for Allen Barth to become the interim Vice President. Mark Stedman made the motion and Billie Herron seconded it. It was voted on and approved unanimously by the members present.

Cruizin' Harrington planning continued. The Chamber will host the Beer Garden this year at the corner of 3rd and Glover, across the street from the Studebaker Garage. A motion by Allen was made and seconded by Lexi that the Chamber provides a budget of up to \$500 to cover the costs of beer, the permit (which was paid before this meeting to meet the deadline), and the insurance required to have the Beer Garden. The voting was approved unanimously by the members in attendance.

Clean-up Day will be May 15th from 12:30 to 2pm. The Harrington School will have Grades 1-6 do clean-up in the Park and Grades 7 thru 12 will sweep sidewalks, wash windows and collect trash from the school down through the main part of town. The Chamber will coordinate with community members to donate supplies, such as vinegar, paper towels trash bags, and water. The Clean-up team will work with Cassandra to collect brooms, buckets, and squeegees for windows.

Dillon mentioned the possibility of more leaf and gravel clean-up. Karen said she can put a message on the website that we are looking for volunteers. Shelley suggested that some of the students could get involved to earn community service hours. Dillon is going to talk to the local Churches to see if they'd be interested in continuing the clean-up with community volunteers from 3:30 to 6:00pm, the focus being on the main side streets. Paula, Lexi and Cherie formed a Clean-up Team to coordinate the event after the time slot allotted for the school kids.

The official name of Cruizin' Harrington was discussed. It will be known as CRUIZIN' HARRINGTON going forward.

Jill mentioned that the Golf Course was going to be serving a dinner the night of the 20th but the menu was not known yet. (Tim spoke after the meeting with Melissa Gilmore from the Golf Course and confirmed that they will be having a Prime Rib dinner).

Cherie offered the use of her large flower pots for décor in the lot during Cruizin' Harrington Day.

Unfinished Business

The vacant lot on 3rd and Willis was brought up for further discussion. Dillon touched briefly on this at the last City Council meeting and updated us. Talks of future grant exploration as well as intentions to create a survey for the community and students to get ideas of what should be done with the lot. One idea is to make it into a small park. It was mentioned that since it is in the Historical part of Downtown that it must fit in appropriately.

Tim opened the discussion of Yard of the Month, he asked that everyone keep their eyes open for yards that have been improved or that have nice curb appeal.

The Website Update was presented by Lexi and Karen, they have met with Dillon and Tim and it was agreed upon that the website does need a Facelift, i.e.,

- new layout and a color scheme appropriate to the local area
- mobile responsiveness
- updated coding

Karen presented a proposal of the costs to upgrade both the platform, the hosting account, the domains and the cost for site design, research and tweaking as well as regular updates and maintenance. Lexi is willing to help with the design ideas.

Mark Stedman made a motion to approve up to \$1,500 (per Karen's proposal) to move forward with the upgrades and changes. It was seconded by Billie and approved unanimously by the Chamber.

Open Discussion

Billie mentioned that Harrington was to be represented on Public Radio on 4/6 @ 10AM during a live broadcast held at the Historical Opera House.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Next meeting will be held on May 3rd 2017, Location: Harrington City Hall at 12 PM

Approved by members in attendance 5/3/2017

Paula S. Pike

Chamber Secretary