

## **Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce**

### **October 4, 2017 Minutes**

The Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:01 PM by President, Tim Tipton. Those individuals present were: Rollie Behrens, Cade Clarke, Jay Gossett, Cindy Haase, Bunny Haugan, Cassandra Pfaffle-Dick, Paula Pike, Jill Plaskon, Summer Shockley and Heather Slack.

September's minutes were reviewed, it was noted to change Summer Clarke to Summer Shockley. Approved as recorded.

Treasurer's report was reviewed with all in attendance. The new balance is \$11,608.36.

### **Old Business**

In late September the Chamber purchased cleaning supplies from DBS to have on hand for community clean-up days. A total of 10 brooms, 10 squeegees and 5 dust pans for \$340.47, which came in under our \$400 budget set in August.

Faust Fabrication is going to give us a bid for the cost of adding a sign on the back of the new Tokio Rd. City Amenities sign as you head out to Ritzville from Harrington. The sign will likely have something along the lines of, "Thank you for visiting Harrington."

Fall Festival was fun and the parade was very well attended. The attendance for the vendors and park activities seemed a bit low this year. Better advertising for the event was discussed for next year. Tim will speak with Stephen Hardy and ask him to bring it up to the Lion's Club and Paula will address with the Homemaker's. It was reported that the Opera House Rummage sale had record breaking sales this year. We had 11 vendors participate and they were all pleased with sales and the overall event, one vendor emailed Heather after to say she will be a vendor at future events because of her great experience. The beer garden raffle didn't make \$\$\$ and it was mentioned that we may not do it again. No report yet about the Beer Garden sales at this time, though there was more attendance than last year. The feel on the Beer Garden is that it's more of a service than a money maker. Cade said the Needham's Concert that Friday night before Fall Festival was well attended and enjoyable.

### **New Business**

For the Harrington Home Town Christmas, the Chamber is going to purchase 20 live wreaths from the Harrington FFA at \$20.00 per wreath. A motion was made by Cindy with a second by Cade. The motion was approved unanimously. As of now the Chamber was covering the cost of the wreaths to get them ordered by the deadline. Some Chamber members said they would pay for their own wreaths once they were ordered. That can be figured out later. The students at the school will decorate wood ornaments to be attached to the wreaths. Paula will purchase the 140 ornaments and coordinate with the school. The plan is to display them downtown on storefronts etc.

Tim will complete the November Newsletter and Paula will print in color. We will be collecting advertisements and fliers from the community organizations to be included in the newsletter.

Tim reminded everyone that on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a Community Forum at the Opera House. This is open to all business, clubs and organizations as well as the community.

November, we will have nominations for Officers. Tim said he'd like to stay on as President.

Paula mentioned that the PTA is doing relief survival kits for the Hurricane survivors and asked if the Chamber wanted to contribute. Jay Gossett made a motion to donate \$200.00. Rollie seconded. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

### **Open Discussion**

Cade mentioned that the Nazarene Church is going to host a Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 8 PM. Jill Plaskon offered the use of the Studebaker Garage Parking Lot so that the kids and parents would have more room.

Cade announced that the Nazarene Church will be having a Thanksgiving Service on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Harrington Historical Opera House.

Heather announced that The Post & Office will have their Grand Opening on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6AM to 6 PM. They will be servicing coffee, teas and smoothies as well as scones, bagels, muffins and pumpkin bars.

Cindy will begin sending out the Christmas donation letters. A discussion about the Christmas Baskets and Santa Picture goody bags was brought up but no decisions were made. More details on this to be discussed at the next Chamber meeting, concerning organizing and volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM

**Next meeting will be held on November 1, 2017, Location: The Post & Office @ 2 S. Third St, Harrington at 6:00 PM**

**Paula S. Pike**

**Chamber Secretary**

Minutes to be approved at the November meeting.