

Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce

August 2, 2017 Minutes

The Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:10PM by President, Tim Tipton. Those individuals present were: Bonnee Clarke, Summer Shockley, Cindy Haase, Paula Pike and Allene Smith.

July's minutes were reviewed and approved as recorded.

Treasurer's report was reviewed with all in attendance. The new balance is \$14,780.36.

Tim announced that Allen Barth's Memorial was held on July 15th. There was a good turnout with around 200 people at one time.

Unfinished Business

Clean-up day for Fall Festival September 23, 2017 was discussed. The actual clean-up day will be on Friday, September 22, 2017, from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. Allene Smith and Bonnee Clarke volunteered to assist with the downtown student crews. Paula will assist with the younger kids at the city park.

Tim brought up the purchase of brooms, squeegees and dust pans by the Chamber. He had checked pricing online with Amazon, Home Depot and Lowe's: for 10 push brooms, 5 dust pans, and 10 squeegees; the average cost was approximately \$400 without tax. Cindy will check with DBS in Davenport and the Hardware Store in Odessa to see if they can match or beat the online pricing. Cindy made a motion to spend up to \$400 for these supplies. The motion was seconded by Allene (on behalf of Cade Clarke). Motion carried unanimously.

Further discussion about the Fall Festival was discussed in detail.

- The beer garden will be held at Don and Leona Mooney's residence.
- Paula made a motion to approved the Beer Garden license fee of \$64.00. Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Cindy suggested we have a Raffle with a Cooler filled with BBQ themed items to raise money for the Chamber. We'll ask the different businesses in town if they want to donate items for the raffle. Allene made a motion to spend up to \$100 to purchase the cooler and some of the other items. Cindy seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.
- Tim suggested and idea of possibly having a vendor table at the park with a map of the town, businesses and maybe brochures or literature from the different organizations, businesses and clubs. One question asked was whether or not this vendor table would need to have anyone work it....?

Cindy presented the print proofs for the new Community signs being done by Faust Fabrication. The completion date for the signs was 8/20 to 9/1. Everyone felt that it was a much cleaner design and would make it easier for visitors to see. Tim asked about solar lighting for the signs and it was agreed that we'd discuss this at a future meeting.

New Business

Tim mentioned the Chamber Newsletter via EDDM mailing prior to Fall Festival. We will plan to have it in the mail by the 1st of September. Paula was reaching out to Sharon Kruger regarding the Huff and Puff Run fliers and also to Mike Cronrath regarding a flier for the new school sports programs.

Open Discussion

Tim mentioned and shared the Reviving Rural Downtown Workshop being held on Sept 20th and 21st in Ritzville. The workshop is being put on by the Adams County Development Council. Tim plans to share with the Chamber Members and anyone else interested through email and Facebook. The link has registration information and details in the event someone wants to attend.

Paula mentioned that the PTA is hosting the Christmas Bazaar and would like to see a Christmas Tree Lighting and possibly caroling that evening. It would be the first Saturday in December. Paula will check with Betty Warner, FFA Leader as to the cost of live wreaths for the business doors and a large tree.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM

Next meeting will be held on September 6, 2017, Location: Harrington City Hall at 12 PM

Paula S. Pike

Chamber Secretary

Minutes to be approved at the September meeting.