

## **Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce**

### **November 1, 2017 Minutes**

The Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 6:07 PM by President, Tim Tipton. Those individuals present were: Rollie Behrens, Bonnee Clarke, Cindy Haase, Bunny Haugan, Billie Herron, Kathy Hoob, David Michaelson, Cassandra Pfaffle-Dick, Paula Pike, Shelley Quigley, Karen Robertson, Summer Shockley and Heather Slack.

October's minutes were reviewed, approved as recorded

Treasurer's report was reviewed with all in attendance. The new balance is \$??? I didn't have a copy of the report.

### **Old Business**

Christmas Tree Lighting and Decorating committee – Kathy volunteered to handle the tree decorating and lighting. Billie and Gordon Herron graciously offered the tree in front of their old gas station. This kept us from having to cut a tree and then find a way to keep it secure. Tim asked for volunteers to assist Kathy.

Paula will handle decorating the 20 wreaths and getting them distributed around town.

Kathy has been in contact with Mr. Bradford regarding the Senior Gift Bags. It was agreed upon that the students will help assemble the bags on a different day from Santa's Workshop so that they could also participate in that event. The High School students will assemble the bags and hand deliver them to the Seniors as a community service.

Bonnee will coordinate the caroling to coincide with the lighting.

Karen was going to check with a couple from Davenport about having them bring their sleigh and horses over for rides.

Tim asked for volunteers to help assemble the November Chamber mailer. Tim, Paula, Heather, Dave and Cindy will meet at The Post & Office on Thursday, November 2nd to put it together for EDDM mailing.

### **New Business**

Nominations for new officers:

Tim Tipton will stay on as President, Cade Clarke will stay on as Vice President, Cindy Haase will remain the Treasurer, and Paula Pike will remain the Secretary. Kathy made a motion to keep the officers that are currently in service. Bunny seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen talked about the new website host/server. The cost will go up minimally to between \$200 and \$280 per year. It will be separate from the other sites that Karen currently manages. The website will be on a stand-alone platform for ease of use by other assigned members. Shelley asked about checking into a less expensive host. Karen plans to determine the new platform and having the website moved over and working. The goal is to have the new website up and running after the new year.

Due to the extra work in maintaining the website and the added traffic Paula suggested that the Chamber increase Karen's monthly maintenance allowance. Karen suggested that we wait until the site is running and then she can determine how much time she'll be working on it monthly.

Tim mentioned having the City help pay a portion of the costs. This will be proposed at the City Council meeting.

Bonnee suggested that the Chamber increase dues for the businesses. Cassandra suggested that the businesses increase dues to \$50.00 a year. Kathy and Shelley added that community members should pay \$30.00 per year. Cindy suggested a committee meet to discuss the annual dues for both business and community members. Tim will head, Billie, Bonnee and David will be on the committee. They'll meet on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM

**Next meeting will be held on December 6, 2017, Location: The Post & Office @ 2 S. Third St, Harrington at 12:00 PM**

**Paula S. Pike**

**Chamber Secretary**

Minutes to be approved at the November meeting.