

Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce

July 11, 2018 Minutes

The Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:00 PM by President, Tim Tipton. Those individuals present were: Rollie Behrens, Cade Clarke, Jay Gossett, Paula Harrington, Cindy Haase, Bunny Haugan, David Michaelson, Cherie MacClellan, Jill Plaskon, Heather Slack, and visitor Chris Paxton.

June's minutes were approved with the correction, Cindy Haase wasn't at the June meeting.

Treasurer's report - \$9,156.60 Balance Cruizin' Harrington Beer Garden was a breakeven this year

Old Business

Vacant Lot – across from the Opera House – The Empire Health Foundation Grant was denied but we can reapply again in 2019. Tim will provide Bunny/The City copies of the grant application. Cindy suggested the Chamber collaborate with the PDA and NW Farm Services to see about obtaining funds/grants. The applicants must be a non-profit organization. Tim will request permission to present the design plan at the next City Council meeting. Bunny mentioned that she can apply through WA Dept of Cities for a grant up to \$500.

New Business

Yard of the Month – Ted & Jean Axelson accepted for July @ 3rd and Alice. August will be – Wendy and Joel Cronrath @ 2nd and Adams and September will be Dan Hino's yard on 1st Street perpendicular to the City Park.

Fall Festival 9/22/2018 – Heather Slack was able to obtain \$150 from the Lion's Club for advertising. It was discussed to do newspaper and FB ads again as they seemed the most cost effective. Cindy agreed that the \$30 for FB advertising for Cruizin' Harrington, was money well spent. Heather commented that having a flier with all the events and times would be extremely helpful. Tim will contact Nathan, Lion's Club president about more details. Rollie mentioned that Lincoln County Fire District 6 will be hosting this year's parade.

The Fun Run will begin at 9 AM and the Parade will begin at 11 AM.

The Pinewood Derby will be held at the Studebaker Garage at 4 PM during the Fall Festival – Proceeds will go to the school for a scholarship in Allen Barth's name.

Heather will check with the vendor who had the bouncy houses during Cruizin' Harrington to see if he'd come again for Fall Festival.

Someone is checking with the Trap Shooting Club about selling Snow Cones again this year. The FFA typically hosts a pancake breakfast the morning of Fall Festival, served in the Memorial Hall.

Rollie will check with Golf Course about doing a brunch the morning of Fall Festival for those looking for a later breakfast.

Cindy suggested we begin advertising on FB and hold off on the newspaper ads until about 1 month out from the actual event.

The Chamber Newsletter will be going out the week of 9/2/2018. The deadline for fliers will be August 24th. Each organization/group will need to provide 326 pieces on a full or half sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper, NO quarter sheets. We will assemble the newsletter on August 29th, time TBD. Packaging team, Tim, Cindy, Cherie, Paula, and David.

Open Discussion

Chamber future Goals – Bunny suggested having a speaker from the Small Business Administration. David suggested having Margie Hall come present from the EDC.

Chris asked that everyone introduce themselves and share what their businesses offer.

Cade suggested having a sign that says, "Chamber meets here 1st Wednesday of every month.

Cade suggested obtaining Chamber Member stickers.

A flyer thanking all of the Chamber Members for 2018 should be displayed in the park during Fall Festival.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

Next meeting will be held on August 1, 2018, 12:00 PM

Location: The Post & Office @ 2 S. Third St, Harrington, WA

Paula S. Harrington

Chamber Secretary

Minutes were approved as corrected at the August meeting.