

Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce

October 3, 2018 Minutes

The Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:02 PM by President Tim Tipton. Those individuals present were: Karen Allen, Rollie Behrens, Cade Clarke, Jay Gossett, Paula Harrington, Cindy Haase, Bunny Haugan, Cherie MacClellan, Heather Slack

September's minutes were approved as recorded. Geoff Talkington felt we should have included the safety discussion.

Treasurer's report – balance of \$8,675.53.

Old Business

Fall Festival: The FFA Pancake Breakfast was very successful. The RV Park had 4 people, including vendors stay. Cade said lots of people stopped by the Chamber Booth and asked questions. The Elephant Ear vendor wants to come back for Cruizin' if his calendar is open. The "Outlaw Woman" Jewelry gal who was at Hotel Lincoln said she enjoyed connecting with a 'Town with Heart'. The Hotel had a lot of visitors (about 200 per Karen Allen). The HOHS at the Opera House Rummage Sale verified that they were very successful. Some vendors said it was slow and that sales were down. The Golf Course had 44 players that day. The Pinewood Derby had 16 cars entered, many by adults who had made them as children. Everyone had a good time.

Some vendors didn't like the location of their booths. Heather suggested moving them out into the road for easier accessibility to everyone. We will explore the option of having them on the street next year, since that street is already closed down for the event.

The vendors CAN NOT compete in any way with Lion's Club food stuffs/pie sales.

The Mud Bogs will be back next year.

Lion's Club Roast Beef/Hamburger /Hot Dog sales down this year.

Several people came to Fall Festival due to the Advertising we did in the Advertiser, Huckleberry Press and on FB.

New Business

Chamber Officer Board of Directors – Officers will retain their current positions

Annual Harrington Community & Organization Forum – Harrington School to host this year. Tim will contact Tiffany Clouse to see if this is still a go; if not, he'll send out an email to all organizations and businesses to organize. Cade offered to host at the Nazarene Church if need be.

Christmas Festivities Discussion – Tree Lighting, Kathy Hoob bought more lights for decorating. Cathy will be able to update us on the Christmas light discussion with the Lion's Club. Wreaths for Downtown District – Paula will contact Betty Warner about ordering. Rollie made a motion to purchase 20 wreaths, Jay seconded. We'll purchase 20 wreaths @ \$20 each for a cost of \$400. Approved unanimously. There will be 1 wreath per business, we will request a donation from the businesses.

Santa Pictures will be done from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Opera House.

The Chamber will be the entity that the funds come through for the Tree of Sharing that US Bank does. All donations will go into a Tree of Sharing account and be distributed to purchase the gifts.

Open Discussion

Heather is stepping down from handling the vendors and organizing them for Cruizin and Fall Festival. We'll need someone to take this on.

Cindy will be sending out Christmas basket donation letters.

The Golf Course is trying to raise funds to replace equipment. They have formed a "think-tank" to explore doing an Auction to help with raising funds. They are also looking at what it would take to form a municipality or Parks & Recreation for potential funding. This would possibly include the golf course, the pool at the school and the city park. The plan is to open in Spring 2019 but need \$\$\$ to keep operating costs covered. It runs about \$150,000 a year to cover all operating expenses.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Next meeting will be held on November 7, 2018, 12:00 PM

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

Paula S. Harrington

Chamber Secretary

Minutes were approved at the November meeting as recorded.