

## **Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce**

### **December 5, 2018 Minutes**

The Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:08 PM by President, Tim Tipton. Those individuals present were: Paula Harrington, Bunny Haugan, Kathy Hoob, Cherie MacClellan, Dave Michaelson, Summer Shockley, Heather Slack and guest Debbie Chapman – Parent2Parent Coalition Coordinator.

November's minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report - \$10,287.28 Balance. Approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker – Debbie Chapman – Parent2Parent Coalition Coordinator covers all of Lincoln and Whitman Counties as well as Grant, Stevens and Adams 9<sup>th</sup> District. She mainly wanted to introduce herself and talk a little about her role in the community.

### **Old Business**

The live wreaths were well received. One was stolen from the Opera House. Heather purchased over the door hangers she's donating for the wreaths going forward.

Kathy reported that the Senior Gift Bags will be assembled and delivered on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Kathy purchased reusable bags which will be her donation to the Senior Bag project. Kathy and Paula will each bake 60 loaves of sweet breads (2 kinds) to be distributed among the 30 Senior bags.

Recap of Hometown Christmas Activities: Paula reported that the Santa pictures were quite busy this year. We ran out of the gift bags for the children. Cindy will order a larger quantity for 2019. We will add a countdown to the tree lighting next year.

Cherie and Paula gave vendor feedback for the Bizarre. Cherie suggested a vendor survey for how well the event went. Paula will get a copy from Cherie.

### **Open Discussion**

Karen Robertson sent in her invoice for the website maintenance. Tim requested a break down of the \$200 for 20 hours for website maintenance. Kathy made a motion to approve payment, Cherie 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously. Per a previous meeting in April 2017, \$1,500 was approved to cover the website development expenses.

Kathy and Paula will purchase/provide more decorations for the holiday wreaths and downtown décor.

Community Forum is scheduled for 12/10 @ 7:00 PM, Nazarene Church, Tim will represent the Chamber.

The Driving map is moving forward, paid advertising has already been received.

Tim asked if the Chamber would like to work on a backdrop to the Harrington sign and the triangle. Tim will speak with Nathan from the Lion's club about possible collaboration.

Heather asked about adding lighting (solar) to the N. City Directory sign. The Chamber will research the cost and materials required.

A suggestion of other clubs and organizations utilizing the space for the Highway 28 sign, i.e., possible banners for Hometown Christmas Bizarre, quilt show, etc. etc. Paul Charlton had suggested helium balloons, etc. to draw attention and Dave suggested using flags.

Kathy mentioned that we need additional Christmas lights. She's trying to come up with ideas to raise \$\$\$ to purchase additional lights/fixtures. Collaboration across community groups/organizations.

Tim will invite a representative from the Lion's Club to the Community Forum.

Cherie asked when the next Chamber mailer will be going out. Tim said probably April 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM

**Next meeting will be held on December 5, 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 January 2019 meeting.