

## HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

September 12, 2016

President Chris Bauer called the September Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room following a lunch provided by Broyles Inc. There were 27 members in attendance. The agenda, August's regular meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

### Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – Everything all set up for the event. Entertainment will be wonderful. Low on floats and have only two school bands coming.
- Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – The Neosho River Park was underwater but the water is going down now. Wichita State University students will be coming to help with the park. The prayer wheel needs to be tended. The PRIDE committee will meeting later this month. They have applied for a grant for some up grades at the park.
- HHPA – Attending the Freedom Frontiers meeting at the headquarters. They will be discussing concerns of oil, gas and water from individuals across Kansas.
- Tourism – SEKTR contacted them and told them what was going on in Humboldt. Local leaders reporting functions going on in all the local towns.
- Civil War Days – Searched for a different place to hold the dance. Will be holding the dance this year at B & W Truck Beds break room on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – Working on a program for the museum will let everyone know when all set up.
- Hoe & Hope Garden Club – Had three work days last month where they worked on the Pocket Park, Cannon Park and the Welcome sign at the edge of Humboldt.
- Dream Humboldt
  - Downtown Action Team – Monarch pouring concrete today and areas at the corner by City Hall. All the light posts for the downtown project have been ordered. B & W Truck Beds will be working on the north side of the square. Monarch will be working on New York Street next.
  - Business Action Team – No report.
  - Housing Action Team – They have sold the house at Neosho Street. They are searching for another house for their next project.
- City of Humboldt – Rental Rehab Program will be closed out at the next meeting. The city will be holding three public hearings, on the three main projects. The 12<sup>th</sup> Street project is ready to chip and seal next week. The crews are in Biblesta mode in preparation for the event. The City Council elections will be moved to the fall of 2017.
- Sign in the Square – They have raised \$24,000 for the purchase of the sign. Goal is \$30,000.00 for the sign. However, that doesn't include the base being replaced. At this time the base probably will need to be replaced too.
- Holiday Gift Market – The first Saturday in December. They have 6 booths to date.

- Adopt-a-Kid – Letters will be mailed out after Halloween and are to be returned by Thanksgiving. Terry Butts and Dru Cox will be collecting the letters this year from the school as Janie Works will be out of town at that time.

**Unfinished Business:**

Loren Korte moved to have Terryl Mueller fill the director vacancy for the rest of the term. It was seconded by Vada Aikins. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

The Halloween Parade will be held on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Chamber will be buying candy for the parade to put in the bags given away by GALS FCE.

Damaris Kunkler, Thrive, reported on options they will be focusing on for the next few years in Humboldt. Will need to narrow down to just the top six priorities. The downtown area and making streets better for biking; downtown facades; Walter Johnson Field; HHPA; Ministerial Alliance; Franklin Park needs landscaped; Neosho River Park; Pat Haire's Neosho Woodworking are a few options. First priority is making a bike lane on Ninth Street in Humboldt when the county repaves it. They are checking on the questions regarding how the striping is to be completed. Spring 2017, Allen County to repave Ninth Street. Redoing the prayer wheel in the Neosho River Park due to flowers was switched around when initially planted. Ministerial Alliance needs a van for food deliveries. Ben Alexander is researching grant opportunities for them through Thrive. The Thrive 2nd annual Pedal fest was a success with 150 people registering. They had to reroute them due to the high water. Thank the community for all their help with this event.

**Announcements:**

The Humboldt School Board will be meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. with a representative from the Kansas Department of Education Virtual Education Program in attendance.

Biblesta will be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Next chamber meeting will be regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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