

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 18, 2016

President Chris Bauer called the February Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room. There were 15 members in attendance. The agenda, January's meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – Entertainment is set up this year. Trying to come up with some activities for teenagers to participate in during the day.
- Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Health Ecosystems – The concrete has been poured around the new restrooms and backfilling around them. The Peace pole will be set up at the Neosho River Park. Humboldt PRIDE applied for the Partners in Pride Grant for half the purchase of new banners for the new light poles. Old banners will not fit on the new light poles. Planning fundraiser to help earn the other half needed. The old banners will be reused.
- HHPA – Processing bids to put a building behind the pocket park. Still in the process of unpacking items for the museum. FNNA will host here in July. A meeting was held for ideas on the future of Johnson Field. Next meeting will be in 60 days.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – Will host a Black History Celebration on Sunday, February 21st at 3 pm
- Tourism – The Humboldt High School Journalism Department will be videoing after the spring blossoms come out highlights of different areas in Humboldt.
- Dream Humboldt
 - Downtown Action Team – The City will help purchase the light poles for the renovation project of the city blocks. This way all lights poles will be purchased at one time.
 - Business Action Team – Will be hosting e-fair at high school
 - Housing Action Team – The house at Neosho Street is for sale. Looking at another house to purchase to renovate.

Unfinished Business:

- The Membership Drive for Chamber is underway. A reminder will be sent out again by Chris.
- The Kansas Sampler will be making 1500 packets to hand out. The Humboldt Historical Museum needs around 1,000 brochures to complete the packets.

- Sign in the Square – Funds are being raised to purchase sign. Chamber has monies earmarked for purchase of brochures that will not be needed this year. Vada Aikins moved to donate \$1,500.00 to the “sign in the square”, Janice Klotzbach seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

- The date for the Annual Volunteer Banquet and Chamber Dinner needs to be set. The room at B & W Custom Truck Beds is available the end of May or first of June. Helen Harrington moved to set the date Thursday, June 9th at 6 p.m. Eileen Robertson seconded, motion carried.
- Volunteers for the nomination committee were Loren Korte, Laci Sicka and Karen Emerson.
- The Kansas Works will be holding a job fair on Thursday, April 14th in Chanute. They are asking the local Chambers to help promote the event and/or give monetary donations. David Broyles moved to donate \$100.00, Vada Aikins seconded. Motion carried.
- Jeff Cokely with the Allen County Community Foundation made a presentation on February 11th about establishing a Humboldt Endowment/Investment Committee. David Broyles moved to have Chamber research this and begin steps to put in motion. Tony Thompson seconded, motion carried.
- Needing race flags to pass out to businesses for this year. They would be 10 for \$30.00. Vada Aikins moved to purchase new race flags, Laci Sicka seconded. Motion carried. Chris will send out the tentative schedule of race days that flags should be flown.

Announcements:

The Growing Place is hosting a Scholarship Gala on March 5th at 7 p.m. at Works of Art.

The Speedway opens Wednesday, March 10 – 12th for Battle at the Bullring B-Mod Nationals + USRA Mods.

Scrapbooking for Kathy will be April 9th at 9 a.m. at the Humboldt High School. All proceeds go to scholarships for a HHS Senior. Cost is \$20.00 it includes noon meal and snacks.

The next regular Chamber meeting will be the quarterly luncheon on Monday, March 14th at Noon at Humboldt Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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