

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

March 14, 2016

President Chris Bauer called the March Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room following a lunch provided by Monarch Cement Company. There were 28 members in attendance. The agenda, February's regular meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – The first fundraiser will be a breakfast held April 16th at the United Methodist Church.
- Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – They are in the process of cleaning the prayer wheel. PRIDE is selling flower bulbs through March 31st, contact a committee member. The proceeds will help to pay for installing a water hydrant.
- HHPA – The brochure for the Kansas Sampler has been completed by Dorcas Romary.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – No report.
- Tourism – The Kansas Sampler will be May 7th & 8th in Winfield this year. Eileen and Ellery Robertson and Peg and Wayne Smith are our representatives. They are preparing 1500 brochures to be handed out at the Sampler.
- Sign in the Square – Have raised \$8,500.00 to date for the purchase of the sign.
- Dream Humboldt
 - Downtown Action Team – No report.
 - Business Action Team – Did not host a E-fair this year at the high school.
 - Housing Action Team – The house at Neosho Street is for sale and we are working with an interested buyer.

Unfinished Business:

- The banners are being reconsidered because we did not receive the grant. The new light poles will have to have a smaller size banner. Investigating if we can possibly reuse the olds ones on the light poles down 9th Street.
- 2016 Membership Drive – About 1/3 of the usual members have responded to the e-mail notifications. Will look into mailing out a letter for the rest of the membership drive notifications.
- Allen County Community Foundation – Jeff Cokely recommended creating two funds for the community with an advisory council to decide where the funds should be allocated. Try to involve as many of the community as possible to help bring funds to Humboldt to fund various projects.

- KANSASWORKS Job Fair – Susan Ellis has asked that we provide cookies for our part for the Job Fair on April 14th in Chanute. Chris Bauer volunteered to make the arrangements for the cookies.
- Race flags have been received so if anyone needs one please contact Chris Bauer. Race dates will be e-mailed out so flags can be flown on race days.
- The bricks have been laid in the Veteran’s patio and have more room for additional bricks to be purchased and laid.

New Business:

- The new light poles will have to have different Christmas decorations due to smaller than the old light poles. Chris Bauer will work with the PRIDE committee on the Christmas decorations and the new banners.
- 2016 Kansas Travel Guide Listings – The ads are due for the guide and on-line guide. We have purchased seven ads in the past for \$500.00. Eileen Robertson moved to purchase the ads and Peg Smith seconded. Eileen Robertson amended the motion to add ads for the Southwind Bike Trail for an additional \$82.00. Peg Smith then seconded the motion. Amendment was approved. Motion of purchasing 8 ads was approved.
- Cole Herder, City Manager, reminded everyone the City Council meeting would be March 14th at 7 p.m. Would be discussing maintaining asphalt on Main Streets and 9th Streets, possibly chip and seal for other streets and setting up designated bike lanes on the streets. Also, Safe Walks is underway working on the sidewalks on 12th Street and Central Street. The graffiti is cleaned up in all the parks. Reviewing a security for the parks.

Announcements:

Scrapbooking for Kathy will be April 9th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Humboldt High School. Raffle tickets are available at Everything Fitz. Cost is \$20.00 and includes noon meal and snacks.

The Easter Egg Hunt by the Lions Club will be held March 26th at 10 a.m. at the City square.

The next regular Chamber meeting will be April 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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