

## HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November 17, 2016

President Chris Bauer called the November Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room. There were 12 members in attendance. The agenda, October's regular meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

### Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – No report at this time.
- Humboldt Pride & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – Clean up after the storm at the Neosho River Park has progressed with several groups volunteering. Joe Works removed one large tree due to the damage it received. Researching installing a flag pole with a light in the park. Westar has volunteered to donate the pole.
- HHPA – During the “Bill of Rights” display, they will be hosting speakers and other activities.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – No report at this time.
- Hoe and Hope Garden Club – Ellery Robertson reported on various activities that they have been doing during the year including maintaining gardens at the pocket park, the west shelter, and the Humboldt Welcome Sign on Hawaii Road. They also do some landscaping at Cannon Park. The club hosts the Yard of the Month recognition. There are 6 members in the club several of whom are Kansas State Master Gardeners.
- Tourism
  - Downtown Action Team – Progress being made on the sidewalk on the north side of the square by B & W Custom Truckbeds. A donation in the amount of \$16,090.00 for the lights for the sidewalk renovations was received.
  - Humboldt Action Team – A house is in process of being purchased at 605 Pecan for renovation. The house will need updating and an additional bathroom will be added.
- Adopt –a-Kid – The names will be on the tree at Emprise Bank for people to adopt Friday after Thanksgiving. Donations for helping with the project have already been received.
- Halloween Spook Parade – There are 300 bags prepared every year for the parade. This year there were 289 children that received bags.
- Holiday Gift Market – At this time, 25 booths registered. Logan Pals 4-H club will do the food booth. The FFA will help the crafters unload in the morning. Santa Claus will be there in the morning and in the afternoon to take photos with the children.

- City of Humboldt – Working on the Christmas decorations for the old light poles. Right now there is no electric on the north side so no lights will be on that side of the square. A letter will be sent out in the utility bills explaining the multi-lane street. In 2017 the City of Humboldt will be 160 years old.
- Sign in the Square – At this time, still needing \$4,392.60 for the ultimate goal of \$30,000.00 for the sign.

Other Reports:

Thrive – A weekend of various projects going on in Humboldt is slated for April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with students from Wichita State here to help. Annual Thrive Dinner will be held Friday, November 18th.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Christmas Banners – Some of the new banners have been hung on the light poles.

#### **New Business:**

Quarterly luncheon meeting dates for Chamber was discussed. It was moved by Helen Harrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janice Klotzbach to redo the meeting dates with a regular meeting in December, February and May luncheons, and June the Volunteer Banquet. Motion carried. Emprise Bank has volunteered for February's luncheon meeting.

#### **Announcements:**

Allen County Regional Clinic Ribbon Cutting at 2 p.m. on November 21<sup>st</sup>, with open house from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Gift Market will be on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Next chamber meeting will be regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 15<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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