

## HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 19, 2017

President Chris Bauer called the January Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room. There were 19 members in attendance. The agenda, December's meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

### Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – Various fundraisers are planned for the year to raise proceeds for the Biblesta. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Larry Barnett.
- Humboldt Pride & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – Next meeting will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- HHPA – “Bill of Rights” display is set up at the City Hall for all to view. Eric Carlson and Heather Bosler will be giving presentations on the “Bill of Rights” soon. Working details for the 160<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Humboldt. Meeting will be next week.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – No activities planned to date.
- Tourism – Kansas Sampler for 2017 will be in Winfield on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be the final sampler. They are working on a new idea to replace the sampler.
- Dream Humboldt
  - Downtown Action Team – Progress continues on the sidewalk renovation on Bridge Street. New York Street is the next block to be renovated.
  - Housing Action Team – Working with two contractors to made bids for the renovations on the newest project at 905 Pecan Street.
  - Business Action Team – Working on a new “E-Community Loan with a potential business.
- Adopt-a-Kid – Will have a final report in February.
- City of Humboldt – The owner of the old Pizza Hut is making repairs on the building in case anyone would be interested in occupying it. Read the Humboldt Union article about the upcoming Sewer Project. We will receive the \$500,000.00 CD grant to help with the project. It will take about a year to design it. Projected completion is February 2019. The city crew will be taking a class on tree pruning being offered by Krista Harding with Southwind Extension District the first of March. It will be open to the public.
- Sign in the Square – Have all the funds to purchase the sign but will need to build a new base the old base is too damaged. They will move the sign to the north in the square. Will have a meeting January 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss costs necessary for the base.

### Other Reports:

ACMAC will be hosting a meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. on “Two most dangerous things facing youth”. The focus will be on prescription drug abuse.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Thrive Annual Dinner 2017 – David Toland met with Cole Herder, Cliff Ralstin and Brad Piley at the Fieldhouse to test the acoustics for possibly holding the dinner in 2017. He hopes to increase attendance from last year. Hoping Humboldt will help fill the field house. Tentative date is November 17, 2017. They will be needing help decorating the facility for the dinner.

April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will have project volunteers from Wichita State University in town. They will have possibly 30-40 students willing to work on projects. Contact Damaris Kunkler at Thrive with names that need help that weekend with community projects. Franklin Pond has been mentioned as an idea.

PRIDE PIP Grant – Another opportunity to apply for the grant is coming up in February. The amount is \$1,750.00 and must have matching funds available. Helen Harrington moved to have Chamber do the matching funds and Janice Klozbach seconded. Motion carried.

Chamber 2017 Membership Drive – Received a good response from the first e-mail for the drive.

Brochures for the Kansas Sampler – We will need 1500 brochures to take to the sampler. Need to purchase more this year. Chris Bauer will get prices and better numbers needed on all brochures.

### **New Business:**

SBDC Workshops – Tom Byler presents workshops that targets small business owners on master planning for starting businesses or for existing businesses. David Broyles moved to sponsor the workshops and Carla Nemecek seconded. Motion carried.

Allen County Hospital – Tony Thompson reported the clinic in Humboldt is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily. They are getting a great response. They will be getting a new message sign for the front of the building. They continue to work on recruiting additional staff.

### **Announcements:**

The next regular Chamber meeting will be the quarterly luncheon on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Humboldt Public Library.

The Carriage Shop is now on the National Historic record.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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