

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 21, 2016

President Chris Bauer called the January Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room. There were 13 members in attendance. The agenda, December's meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – No report at this time. Still needing additional volunteers on the committee.
- Adopt-a-Kid – Everything went very well with 144 kids receiving gifts. They also received candy and oranges.
- Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Health Ecosystems – Monday, January 25th will be the next meeting. Looking for bids on the concrete work to go around the restrooms.
- HHPA – No report.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – No report at this time.
- Tourism – No report at this time.
- Sign in the Square – Have begun receiving donations for the purchase of the sign. They can be processed through the Allen County Foundation to be tax deductible.
- Dream Humboldt
 - Downtown Action Team – Monarch Cement and B & W Custom Truck Beds have committed to renovate one city block each year. Don't have the funds at this time to purchase all the lights but will purchase half now and half later.
 - Business Action Team – Working on holding the Entrepreneur fair for the high school students. Will also purchase mailboxes for the senior graduating class again this year.
 - Housing Action Team – Have a meeting set for Tuesday, January 26th.

Unfinished Business:

- Chamber Membership Drive – We have been receiving memberships for 2016.
- Brochures – Contacted the Race Track and they may not put any brochures in this year's packet for the Kansas Sampler.

New Business:

- Delbert Shields will be planning a Parade on July 23rd as part of the celebration for "National Day of a Cowboy". Plans for various activities that day are in the works. This event will be filmed by Best of America by Horseback and aired on RFD-TV.

- Growing Place will be hosting a scholarship gala on March 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Works of Art. Tickets are \$20.00 each or \$35.00 a couple. The proceeds will be to help children who are unable to afford the opportunity for education ages one to 5 years.
- Tony Thompson, administrator of Allen County Hospital, said they are actively engaged in recruiting a physician for the hospital. This individual will also have office hours in the Humboldt office. They are trying to increase their geographic reach of the hospital. They will hold a reception to meet and greet the potential candidate as part of the process.

Announcements:

At the SEKTR annual meeting Walter H. Wulf Jr. received the “Spirit Award”.

SEK Day on the Hill will be held on January 27, 2016.

The next regular Chamber meeting will be February 18th beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Humboldt Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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