

## HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

March 16, 2017

President Chris Bauer called the March Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room. There were 20 members in attendance. The agenda, February's meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

### Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – The next fundraiser is a breakfast at the United Methodist Church on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 10 a.m.
- Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – We received the PIP grant but it was not for the full amount for everything in the original plan.
- HHPA – Work has continued on the building. The 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration planning is in progress for activities. In order to have insurance for the day's events, if Chamber would be the sponsor they can issue a rider for the event. Don Copley moved to be the sponsor of the event and David Broyles seconded. Motion carried.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – They are cleaning and redoing the exhibits at the museum.
- Hoe and Hope Garden Club – No Report.
- Tourism – The 2017 Kansas Sampler is May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in Winfield, Kansas. Ken Lott, Wayne Smith and a family member will be attending.
- Dream Humboldt
  - Downtown Action Team – In April will start renovations on the south side of square. Waiting on electric to complete the Bridge Street block.
  - Housing Action Team – The house renovations on 605 Pecan Street are progressing very well. However, will need to replace furnace.
  - Business Action Team – No report.
- City of Humboldt – The Hometown Showdown Photo competition of our Bridge has made it through round 2. Will be competing with Lucas, Kansas, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. Remember to vote for your favorite photo. The City Wide Clean Up will be April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The pick-up for brush will be May 1<sup>st</sup>. City wide garage sales are slated for May 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting of US169 Coalition to see if enough interest to create the coalition from local towns along US169 Highway to help with costs of redoing the highway.
- Sign in the Square – All the money has been obtained to purchase the sign. It will be located to the north from the existing sign.
- Adopt-a-Kid – Janie Works reported that 125 kids were in the program this year. There were 10 bicycles given away. Humboldt High School students and B & W Custom Truckbeds Employees helped move gifts out of Janie's basement and up to the Public Library for distribution. Norma Cramer volunteers on the day of the handing out of the gifts. It went very well this year.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- PIP Grant received for the Neosho River Park will be \$1,100.00. Chamber had voted to meet the match of \$1,750.00 for the original plan. Unless there are objections, chamber will honor the original decision.
- Thrive had 80 people attend the Re-Imagine Humboldt on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Some of the top items decided on were: Overnight stay at a Bed and Breakfast; youth center with activities; create a database of what's available in Humboldt. On April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the project volunteers will be here from Wichita State University to work on 6 projects in Humboldt. They are: HHPA building, Humboldt Historical Museum, Neosho River Park, Franklin Park and Mount Hope Cemetery. They will be staying at the Humboldt Elementary School's multi-purpose room. On November 17<sup>th</sup> is the annual dinner for Thrive to be held in the HHS Fieldhouse. Goal is to have 500 people. Social begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow.
- Brochures – Chris Bauer is working on updating the brochures for the Kansas Sampler. Will order as soon as updated.

### **New Business:**

The 2017 Kansas Travel guide listing is coming up for renewal. We list 5 events for a cost of \$80.00 each. Cole Herder moved to list them again and seconded by Vada Aikins. Motion carried.

### **Announcements:**

Chris Bauer has checkered flags to fly for the Race Days. The blocks that have been renovated around the square, still need to have holes drilled for the flags.

Tony Thompson from Allen County Hospital thanked everyone for the support of the Humboldt clinic. A message sign is in the process of for the front of the building.

Next Chamber meeting will be the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20<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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