

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 20, 2017

President Chris Bauer called the April Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room. There were 16 members and 1 guest present. The agenda, the minutes from the March meeting and the treasurer's report were approved.

Cole Herder introduced guest, Jessica Dutton, with CDL Electric Co., Inc. out of Pittsburg. She indicated that CDL was very interested in opening a satellite office in Humboldt. She gave a brief synopsis of their company and services they provided.

Reports of Committees:

Biblesta: Larry Barnett reported the fundraiser breakfast on April 1 was the best turn out ever. Their next fundraiser will be on Sunday, June 4 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 11:30 a.m.

Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems: Vada Aikins reported Earth Day on April 19th was a big day around town and at the River Park with HHS students helping pick up trash and cleaning up the town.

Humboldt Historical Preservation Alliance: Tom Rutledge reported plans for Humboldt's 160th birthday celebration on May 20 would include an 11 am cake cutting, baseball game in the afternoon and other activities all which are free to the public. Anyone wanting to help should contact him or Jan Coykendall.

Humboldt Historical Museum: Appreciation Day will be June 24.

Tourism: Chris reported the 2017 Kansas Sampler Festival in Winfield on May 6 and 7 would be attended by Wayne Smith and his grandsons and another volunteer would be appreciated to help out there also. Vada made a motion the chamber pay \$500 towards the expenses incurred at the Festival. Janice Klotzbach seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dream Humboldt: Downtown Action Team: Cole Herder reported on the power to the square was being discussed and solutions were being considered.

Housing Action Team: Chris reported delays to the house had occurred over the past few weeks, but the crew was back on schedule for completion of the remodel.

Business Action Team: Cole reported he had spoken with multiple companies and individuals in the past few months about locating their interests in Humboldt, the most inquiries he has received since taking the job as city manager.

City of Humboldt: Cole reminded everyone that all elections for the cities and schools would be held in the fall. The city will have 4 positions and the mayor open with a filing date of June 1. If a primary would be necessary, those elections would be in August, with the general elections in November.

Sign in the Square: Chris announced the electronic sign is ordered and scheduled to be installed the week of May 15.

Unfinished Business:

None to report

New Business:

The Volunteer Banquet/Annual Meeting is tentatively set for June 15 at B & W. The Nominations Committee will consist of Loren Korte, Laci Sicka, and Karen Emerson.

Vada made the motion to finance the placing of a half page ad in the Southeast Kansas Living Magazine advertising the Biblesta and Humboldt in the summer issue. Cole seconded and motion carried.

The condition of the flags on the Veteran's Memorial was discussed. Chris and Cole will get information on who is responsible for maintaining the flags and also where replacement flags might be obtained.

Announcements:

Joe Works stated a Vintage Car Rally would be coming to Humboldt on Friday, April 28 around 11:30 a.m. with a stop at B & W for lunch and a tour of their facility.

The next meeting will be at noon on Monday, May 8, with lunch provided by The Monarch Cement Company.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Larry, seconded by Vada.

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