

## HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 18, 2016

President Chris Bauer called the August Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room. There were 16 members in attendance. The agenda, July's regular meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

### Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – The next fundraiser will be the ice cream social and gospel sing Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. Singing to begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Humboldt Pride & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – The next meeting will be Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the River Park. They can always use help with the flower beds if anyone would like to volunteer their time.
- HHPA – The Vintage Baseball Game at Walter Johnson Athletic Field will be August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Gary Larson will be speaking on the future of the Walter Johnson Field and at 5:00 p.m. the game begins. All proceeds from the concession stand will go towards the FCA.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – No events scheduled for September.
- Tourism – There is an article about the bike trail in the Kansas Wildlife Parks magazine. The annual Southeast Kansas guides published by the SE Kansas Living Magazine are out. They list all events happening in Southeast Kansas.
- Dream Humboldt
  - Downtown Action Team – The building on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Bridge is for sale, which is the old Ben Franklin building.
  - Business Action Team – Nothing to report at this time.
  - Housing Action Team – The house on Neosho Street is being appraised for the loan approval process. If the process all goes well closing should be September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- City of Humboldt – The street project is going forward. They are working on South 12<sup>th</sup> Street tearing up and then chip and seal the street. Needing help to gather more surveys from residents. Have received 400 surveys to date. These surveys are to help us qualify for a grant for the sewer project. The new 2017 Budget was approved by the city with a 3% increase. Georgia Road repairs by the State are set to begin soon.
- Allen County Hospital is finishing up negotiations with Dr. Jacquelyn Youtsos for her dermatology office to be come to lola two days a month. Will be reopening the Humboldt Clinic with Dr. Brian Neeley in the office. Finishing up getting all services required set up.

- Hope & Hope Garden Club – Working on the pocket park on Bridge Street. Have several work days set up.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business.

#### **New Business:**

- We need to replace Nathan Clarke's position on the board. He has moved and leaves his spot vacant. Needing names for perspective replacement.
- Christmas Decorations – Need new decorations for the new light poles. Volunteers to be on the committee were Chris Bauer and Vada Aikins.
- Humboldt PRIDE PIP Grant for Neosho River Park – This is a grant for up to \$2,000.00 to be used for improvements at the park. Chris Bauer is writing the grant for a handicapped picnic table including the sidewalk from the road to the table and three grills in the park. However, one of the requirements is to have matching funds donated. David Broyles moved to donate \$1,750.00 to the Humboldt Pride for the PIP Grant improvements. Seconded by Vada Aikins. Motion carried.
- Tom Seay, promoter with National Day of the Cowboy, has offered to return next year to film the events. Carolyn Whitaker volunteered to set up a committee to begin working on setting up activities for 2017.

#### **Other Business:**

Damaris Kunkler, Thrive, needs volunteers to help man a station in Humboldt for the upcoming Thrive Portland Pedal fest on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested please contact her.

#### **Announcements:**

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Dudes in Drag Golf Tournament at Humboldt's Golf Course.

City wide garage sale on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Next chamber meeting will be the quarterly luncheon on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at Humboldt Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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