

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

December 21, 2017

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

Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – There will be a kick off meeting in January to finalize all activities for 2018.
- Adopt-a-kid – There were 168 kids this year with all being adopted. Janie Works reported that she adopted a few themselves that had more difficult gifts. There were 7 bicycles purchased for a total of \$600.00. The giveaway day for all gifts went well with only 6 not picked up. Candy was purchased from Moon's to include with the gifts. The Emprise Bank staff does a great job in assisting with the program. Assisting with the gifts delivered to them and helping with the ornaments being checked out. Janie is ready to pass the program on to someone else. She has an individual interested and will contact them. If they are still interested she will begin working with them for next year.
- Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – The pads have been poured at the Neosho River Park for the two new picnic tables that will be handicap accessible. The three grills will be installed by the City next spring.
- HHPA – Jan Coykendall received the "Unsung Hero" award at the Thrive Annual Dinner.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – No report.
- Tourism – No report.
- Dream Humboldt
 - Downtown Action Team – The north half of Eighth Street will be next to be renovated.
 - Business Action Team – Working with Allen County to be county wide E-Community Committee.
 - Housing Action Team – Will be listing the house at 605 Pecan with PSI as the realtor and it will also be listed on multi-listing. The house is listed at \$110,000.00.
- Holiday Gift Market – There were 38 vendors and 49 booths at the Holiday Gift Market on Dec. 2nd. There were 450 people that attended.
- City of Humboldt – KOAM News will be featuring Humboldt in regards to the renovation of our old buildings. It should air in January, 2018. We will also be featured in Kansas Government Journal in January. They will start on the Highway 169 project in April 2018 to December 2018. The detour will be for everyone to go through Yates Center. However, more traffic will probably go through Humboldt. The county will pay up to half of the cost of the utilities to be extended on Hawaii Road. City is applying for a grant to help with the rest of the cost. The grant would be worth 50% of the cost. We will be extending gas, water and sewer. Megan Arell will be opening Hometown Flowers as soon as her building is ready. Greg Korte has purchased the H & H

Building. A new shirt shop is to be opened by Mel North in the building east of Estrellita. Reb's Place owned by Raymond Barnett will be closing after the first of the year.

Unfinished Business:

Chris Bauer passed around ideas for the CUB flags for input from the group. He will keep checking for more ideas.

Christmas Decorations -- There is a manufacturer that makes large cut out signs that might be another idea for the flag poles. Chris Bauer will keep investigating.

Christmas lights in square – The community enjoyed the square being lit up this year for the holiday season. Questions were asked as to who will be storing the lights after they are taken down and who is responsible for taking them down. City is working on details.

Thrive – The annual ACT Community Engagement meeting is coming up with members from 6 Allen County communities being represented. They will be reporting on what is going on within their communities. Damaris Kunkler is trying to get a time set up with Barb Anderson about PRIDE Communities for a meeting.

New Business:

We reviewed the brochures that are placed in the packet for the Kansas Sampler. Chris Bauer had an example of one that was 11 x 17 with all entities on the same brochure. After discussion, it was decided to stay with what we are using at this time.

There will be offered Director Training by the K-State Extension Office on February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. If anyone is interested in attending, contact the extension office.

We are in need of a Tourism chairperson to be our representative on the SEKTR group that we are a member. The individual may also be a representative on the Freedom Frontiers organization. If anyone is interested, please contact the chamber.

Retail Committee – Would like to set up a new committee to help attract new businesses for Humboldt, and help with communication between Chamber and businesses. If you can think of any people that would be great for this committee, contact Chris Bauer.

Announcements:

The next chamber meeting will be Thursday, January 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary