

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October 20, 2016

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

Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – Next year will be the 60th Biblesta. The committee needs help to prepare for next year.
- Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – Humboldt High School students and the Building Trades class came down and got the park ready for Biblesta. The park was flooded and left lots of debris. Logan Pals 4-H Club helped clean up the brush. There will be a meeting on Monday, October 24th.
- HHPA – We will be hosting a display on the Bill of Rights for its 225th Anniversary. They will be showcasing the display at the City Hall and will have several other activities from December 15, 2016 to February 2017.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – No report at this time.
- Tourism – They will be attending the 10th Anniversary of the Freedom Frontier. They encouraged everyone to look at the mural at the Orcutt Backyard Museum it tells the story of the Gerken family. This was made possible by a grant from the Freedom Frontier.
- Dream Humboldt
 - Downtown Action Team – Work is progressing on the sidewalks of Bridge Street by B & W Custom Truck beds. The Allen County Community Foundation received \$16,000.00 to go towards this renovation. They will be sending a check.
 - Housing Action Team – They are in the process of choosing another house for the next project.
 - Business Action Team – No report.
- Adopt-a-Kid – The tree will be set up at Emprise Bank for adoption of the children after Thanksgiving.
- Halloween Spook Parade – There will be 300 bags put together for the parade on October 31st at 5:30 p.m. It will begin at ANW Co-op parking lot. In case of rain the bags will be passed out under the band stand. The “trunk or treat” will be held at the Lutheran Church again this year.
- Holiday Gift Market – It will be on December 3rd from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They have 30 booths signed up at this time. It will be a nice variety of items. Santa Claus will be set up for photos with the children.
- City of Humboldt – The storm clean up by the city went well. City of Chanute sent 9 workers and a lot of equipment to assist us with the cleanup. B & W Custom truck beds had 3 workers and equipment assisting the City. There were 600 dump truck loads of

tree debris. The dump was flooded where tree debris is dumped. The Cress family cleaned up the Mt. Hope Cemetery. A work day has been set to help on Saturday at 8 a.m. on October 22nd at Mt. Hope Cemetery. City has applied for a grant from CGMA for the Sewer Project and a loan application to USDA.

- Sign in the Square – They have raised \$23,500.00 with another \$2,000.00 coming soon. The total cost is estimated for \$30,000.00.
- Hoe and Hope Garden Club – Yard of the month for October is Mike Olson.

Unfinished Business:

The PRIDE grant for \$2,000.00 was denied at this time. We will retry in February, 2017, when more grants are made available.

New Business:

The new pole Christmas decorations will be an 18" x 36" banners with designs on both sides. Cost is \$32.00 each plus shipping for 25 banners with extra grommets. Larry Barnett moved to purchase 25 flags and Helen Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thrive Annual Dinner will be November 18th in the past Chamber has purchased a table. They recommended Chris Bauer reserve a table.

The American flags were flown on the new poles during Biblesta. Unfortunately the storm went through and several flags are missing or destroyed. It was moved by Vada Aikins to purchase 4 additional flags by Veterans Day for the new light poles. Seconded by Ellery Robertson. Motion carried. The Humboldt Lions Club volunteered to put up the flags on the flag poles and take them down.

Allen County Hospital will have a ribbon cutting on November 21st and an open house for the office in Humboldt from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The office plans to be open 5 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jeff Cokely with Allen County Community Foundation announced the name change to "Your Community Foundation".

Announcements:

Next chamber meeting will be regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary