

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

September 21, 2017

President Chris Bauer called the September Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room. There were 21 members in attendance. The agenda, August's meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – Great entertainment will be coming to the event. We have 17 floats entered at this time.
- Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – The two picnic tables were ordered and are ready to be installed. Waiting on the concrete pads to be poured. Investigating having a flag pole set up at the park. Right now cost would be \$300.00 to \$400.00 for flag pole plus shipping.
- HHPA – Working on setting up more displays but running out of space.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – Appreciation Day will be Saturday, September 30th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours of the museum will be given, old cars and steam engines will be displayed and free lunch will be provided.
- Tourism – The Kansas Southeast Living magazine has a picture of the Humboldt bridge in it. The Civil War Dance will be Friday, October 13th, at 7:00 p.m. at B & W Custom Truckbeds.
- City of Humboldt – Removing the debris under the bridge. The striping of the roads after the new overlay will be completed this month. City will be doing parking striping and county will be doing center road striping.
- Dream Humboldt
 - Downtown Action Team – Lights are working on Bridge Street sidewalk. Trees have been planted on the Eighth Street side of the square and trees are ordered for the Bridge street side. City has the entire plug ins ready for the Biblesta on the square. Should be better service on the square after all the restructuring.
 - Business Action Team – We did complete the first E-Community Loan with Nobby Davis for Opie's Pizza in Humboldt. If we use up all our funds, we can access other funds through the program. CDL Electric building is progressing. Working with another potential business.
 - Housing Action Team – The house on Pecan Street is for sale had several view the house.

Unfinished Business:

Damaris Kunkler from Thrive brought "Save the Dates" for the annual dinner to be held at the Humboldt High School Fieldhouse in November for everyone to take and pass out. The sound system has been contracted out for the event. The nominations for an organization or individual for the awards for the dinner can be made on line. The categories are as follows: Health and Wellness, Recreation, Economic Development and Education.

Christmas Decorations – Found a company that makes the garland per foot and can add lights every 6 inches. Cost then would be estimated at \$100.00 for each pole. Will order one garland with lights every 6 inches and try it on a new light pole.

New Business:

Carolyn Whitaker requested Chamber to sponsor a River Bridge drawing and coloring contest for the Humboldt Elementary School. The prizes would be 1st place - \$25.00, 2nd place - \$15.00 and 3rd place - \$10.00. Trying to promote awareness of the bridge, it is one of the few double arch bridges left in the country. They are working to get it registered on the National Registry. Larry Barnett moved and Helen Harrington 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Carolyn will organize the contest.

Halloween Parade will be at 5:30 p.m. on October 31st. City fire department and police department will be there to hand out items and GALS FCE will give out the trick or treat bags. Westar will have a bucket truck there that evening to give rides. The Arrowood residents will bring a van with residents that evening to pass out candy after the parade at the square. The St. Peter's Lutheran Church will have their annual Truck or Treat after the parade. Any businesses are welcome to set up that evening to pass out candy.

There are 27 poles set up to date around the square with the new light poles. We need to purchase more flags for them. Chris Bauer will purchase 12 more flags to have enough to display on new light poles.

The Sign in the Square dedication will be at 6:30 p.m. sometime in October. Watch emails for exact date when GALS FCE will be able to attend. Will have dedication for Opie's mid to late October.

Announcements:

Congratulations to Thrive for receiving the "Culture of Health" award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Congratulations to Stacy Cakes they are listed as one of the top 10 places to get cakes on Facebook.

Biblesta will be Saturday, October 7th. Entertainment begins at 10 a.m.

The next chamber meeting will be Thursday, October 19th at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary