***MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2020***

Directors present: Jeff Presser, Jan Bryan, Michelle Johnson, Larry Corns, Nicole Miller, Aaron Kurokawa, Jerald Peterson & Julie D’Ambrosio.

Guests present: Scott Keen (Stampede Committee), Darla Downs (Northern Plains Independent) & Shandy Hanks (SBDC Regional Director).

Approval of Minutes from February 4. Motion by Larry, 2nd by Jan. Motion passed.

Approval of outstanding Bills: Motion by Jan, 2nd by Nicole. Motion passed.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

Christmas Stroll: post vendor links on Facebook for static displays.

No comment about vendor links but discussion about displays.

Events:

Street Dance: Aaron to open a new checking account so the Chamber can receive payments online for fundraisers & ticket sales. This account can be used for another event once Street Dance ends. Motion by Jan, 2nd by Michelle. Motion passed. Signers on account are Aaron Kurokawa, Jeff Presser & Julie D’Ambrosio. Motion by Jerald, 2nd by Michelle. Motion passed. Dance to be held Friday, July 10th. Discussion followed about who will be doing clean-up after dance. Inquiry from Erin Ricker.

After Hours: date, location, sponsors. Date set: Friday, April 17th. Location was discussed & Julie would follow-up. Jeff suggested car dealerships/auto parts stores could be possible sponsors. He will work on.

Finance: 48 Chamber members. LK Realty & Cape Air are new members. Jan said to bring another dues packet to Job Service Re: Dan Hutchinson. Discussion about having more Farmers & Ranchers. Possibly Scott can help with that.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

Should non-members be given a link to their website? Re: Dues tri-fold. It was suggested to highlight Chamber members better. Add deadline of March 31st on Dues structure so as to be included on Chamber Directory. Discussion followed. All members have links to their websites. Have Garrett highlight members better. No dues deadline suggested. Revamp tri-fold for 2021 Re: membership benefits.

New suggestions: put their business or employer name under each Director. No discussion.

List under Business Directory & on Facebook page: businesses who take Shopping Dollars. Clarify- only members should take shopping dollars? All businesses can take shopping dollars. No to list of businesses on website & Facebook. Nicole suggested section on website explaining what shopping dollars are.

Signature cards to be signed & present drivers license to copy. Lori Ann (Opportunity Bank) has them. Discussion followed as to who needs to go.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

James Johnson proposed to have “Yard of the Week” contest. Time frame: June 1st- August 31st. Prize will be $20 in Chamber shopping dollars. Sponsors & judges needed. Winner pictured in the Independent every week. Discussion followed with Agland Realty, Bryan’s, the Sherman Inn, High Plains & possibly HUB Insurance being sponsors.

Jan suggested at each Green area having a sign with volunteers names and having their picture taken for the newspaper. More recognition is warranted because they have donated their time and funds for many years.

NEMHS proposing a “Decorate bras fundraiser” on Thursday during Stampede. Discussion followed. Scott said no stipulations per PRCA, as long as NEMHS was the one doing fundraiser. He could visit with Beth Pickthorne for more info.

Comedian fundraiser with Elks Club. Discussion, no interest in doing another event. Shandy interjected with applying for MT Tourism grant for existing events. Info sent to Michelle (Dueling Pianos), Aaron (Brewfest) & Nicole (Night on the Missouri). Shandy stated that Centennial Committee received $10,000 grant in 2014.

Family Dollar needs First Dollar certificate & picture taken. Manager is James Dye. Aaron to connect with Stoney Paths to get their First Dollar.

***EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:***

The Pizza Joint reimbursed their first $30 in Chamber shopping dollars.

City website has been updated! Our website is the first one under “Local Area Links.”

Garrett & I have been working on updating Chamber website. Jeff asked directors to look at website.

Filing completed. What was in a 4-drawer cabinet is now in 2 drawers.

Going through all Committee binders & destroying out-dated paperwork.

Took inventory of Christmas & Stampede banners. One Stampede banner being repaired, need to order 4 more. MISSING RED CHRISTMAS BANNERS! I looked in Quonset but couldn’t locate them. Jeff said to call Therese Long @ MDU or Bill Rensvold.

Replacing bulbs in Christmas pole decorations.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

Next meeting: April 7th