

**Harrington Chamber of Commerce  
Minutes  
February 4, 2015**

The February meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:05pm by President Cassandra. Those present were: Mark Stedman, Cesar Godinez from Avista, Heather Slack, Bunny Haugan, Kathy Hoob, Sharon Nighswonger, Allen Barth, Summer Clark US Bank, Rebecca Downing Postmistress, Celeste Miller HHPC.

The minutes were corrected to add Mark Stedman as present at the January meeting and were accepted as correct.

Treasurer's report was presented by Kathy Hoob in the absence of Cindy Haase. She reported as of 10-01-14 due to a computer problem the following: Checking: \$6,752.72, Savings: \$3,594.00, Donations: \$1,516.71, General: \$2,301.70. Accepted as presented.

#### HARRINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Celeste was present to share the idea their HHPC group has for "sprucing up" the building fronts on Third Street. She is inviting all organizations in the community to meet March 3, 2015 at 6:30pm to discuss fund raising ideas. Cassandra volunteered to attend and told those present that if they had any ideas for fund raising to let her know.

#### Avista

Cesar Godinez was present to inform those present that Avista will be present in town as they will be replacing the old sub- station, on the west end of town, and up grading it to a more reliable system for Harrington. They also will be replacing 80% of the poles with 45 foot ones as well as gas lines. The project will last until 2017. The idea of putting conduit for fiber optic in the ditches while Avista is digging ditches for gas lines and has the ditches open will perhaps be a possibility. It is possible that there could be a CURB grant that could help finance this conduit and fiber optic.

#### CLEAN-UP DAY

No date has been set for the clean-up day. Targeted areas to improve alleys and entrances to town were identified and discussed. They were:

- 1) Alley between Third and Fourth (McGowan & Alumbaugh)
- 2) Entrance areas (Fries , Houck and Herron)
- 3) Old City Hall
- 4) Sign at the City park needs attention (scheduled for replacement)

#### SPRING FESTIVAL CRUISIN HARRINGTON

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Agreed to order 2 banners 2 feet X 8 feet for \$390.00 each that will promote "Cruisin Harrington"
- 2) Vendors outside
- 3) Lions participation uncertain at this time.
- 4) Homemakers will be invited to participate

- 5) Kathy has Quilt Show information poster ready to post. Kathy and Paula are the contacts.
- 6) Will contact Kim and Sharon Kruger about a free throw or shoot out basketball for kids
- 7) Doubtful that the band will be available. Will check it out with Mr. "N".
- 8) Opera House is scheduling a Jazz concert for this day.

#### RURAL AGING RESPONSE GRANT

Dillon Haas and Paula Pike were interested in pursuing this grant and starting a fitness program for Lincoln County.

#### LANDMARK APARTMENTS UPDATE

Mark Stedman gave an update on the Landmark Apartments and the history of ownership. Currently Niels Peterson, a member of the last housing coalition, is in the process of getting the ownership cleared up. There are delinquent taxes, utility bills and legal fees that will need to be paid to the party acquiring the building. Mark shared some ideas for possible uses of the building depending on the final owner.

#### FLOAT A POSSIBILITY

Sharon Nighswonger shared with the group the possible resurgence of an interest in a community float.

#### NEW POSTMISTRESS

Rebecca Downey the new postmistress was welcomed to town.

#### RURAL PATHWAYS CONFERENCE

Margie Hall from the EDC let the group know about the Rural Pathways to Prosperity conference in Odessa on April 17, 2015.

Meeting adjourned

Bunny Haugan, Secretary