

Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce

December 6, 2017 Minutes

The Harrington Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:08 PM by President Tim Tipton. Those individuals present were: Rollie Behrens, Cade Clarke, Bunny Haugan, Kathy Hoob, Cherie MacClellan, Paula Pike and Heather Slack

November's minutes were reviewed, approved as recorded.

Treasurer's report was omitted as Cindy wasn't able to make the meeting.

Old Business

Kathy suggested that we needed to specify an account name on our ledger for the Senior Citizen Bags. We all agreed on "Senior Gift Bags". A discussion of who will receive the bags was held and it was agreed that they will go to Seniors 65 and above, plus shut-ins. A discussion of adding people in need to the list came up but Rollie mentioned that the Lion's Club helps younger families that are struggling. The Lion's Club obtains a list from the school.

We planned on 36 Senior Citizen Bags for this season. The bags will include: ham, canned goods, gravy mixes, stuffing, bag of mashed potatoes, canned fruit, olives. Kathy, Rollie and Paula will make homemade bread/cookies to include in each bag as well.

Paula mentioned that the Opera House and one of the local churches were to donate \$150 toward the bags in the next week or so.

Kathy said that the assembly and delivery will be done on December 18th. The assembly will be at the school beginning at 10:30. The Alter Society will donate Poinsettias from the FFA to be included with each bag delivered.

The Chamber Dues Committee; Tim, Billie and David met on November 15th and made the suggestion that dues be raised by \$10.00 to **\$40.00 per year beginning January 1, 2018**. This increase is to offset the cost of the upgraded website and the community mailers the Chamber is doing 4 times a year. Kathy made a motion to raise the dues, Rollie seconded. Approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

The Christmas wreaths and Tree lighting were greatly appreciated by most of the community. The PTA hosted the Christmas Bazaar and Paula reported that it was a huge success. Heather mentioned that we had 19 vendors in attendance and many want to come back next year. The HOH reported that they had such a great response to their Rummage Sale that they intend to do another one in a couple of weeks.

Kathy asked Bunny who puts the decorations across 1st Street and on the light poles. She said the Lion's Club handles all that each year. Kathy mentioned that some of the decorations were missing or in ill repair and that possibly the Chamber along with the Lion's Club and Homemakers could purchase some new ones this year. Bunny suggested someone contact the Lion's club first and see if they just didn't have enough time to put them all up this year. Cade and Kathy will contact the Lion's Club first and then begin working on a project to raise monies from the different community clubs and private individuals to purchase updated decorations.

Kathy suggested that the Chamber give Josh Steward and Jim Ells a thank you card for their time in helping decorate the tree and setting up the Nativity. Kathy will take care of this.

The November Chamber Mailer – best one we've sent out to-date. We had 10 pieces included in it. We mailed this year's editions in early January, May, September and November to promote upcoming events. Tim and Cherie said they already have pieces for the January edition. The plan is to have as much of the mailer done in color as possible.

New Business

PDA Signs – The PDA is looking into permanent signage being made and placed on private land on Hwy 28 to promote annual events. The sign will be large and have interchangeable signage for the community events. Look for more info to come on this project very soon.

Open Discussion

Kathy gave Tim kudos for all of his efforts over the past year, everyone agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM

Next meeting will be held on January 3, 2017, Location: Harrington City Hall, at 12:00 PM

Paula S. Pike

Chamber Secretary

Minutes to be approved at the January meeting.