

Harrington Chamber of Commerce
Minutes
September 7, 2016

The Chamber of Commerce meeting was called to order by President Cassandra at 12:06pm on Sept. 7, 2016. Those present were: Tim Tipton, Kathy Hoob, Jenna Fries, Paula Pike, Celeste Miller, Heather Slack, Kathy from Rural Resources, Bunny Haugan and Cassandra Pfaffle-Dick.

Minutes and treasurers report were given and accepted as presented.

CLEAN-UP DAY

September 19th is set for the City clean-up day. Supplies, supervisors and locations are all taken care of and ready for the workers.

BEER GARDEN

Kathy and Cindy have paid for and applied for a permit to operate a Beer Garden in cooperation with the 4X4 Club during the Fall Festival. The location for the Beer Garden will be at W. 10 Douglas, on a lot owned by Rick Becker and he has given his approval to use his property.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Paul Charlton declined the selection of their yard as the yard of the month for August. Don and Leona Mooney and property owned by Justin Slack at 401 S Second were nominated for the September recognition. The Mooney's will be contacted to see if they are willing to accept. It was suggested we discontinue the Yard Of The Month award and maybe change it to appreciation for a well-kept nice yard.

MOVING PILLARS

Celeste Miller of the Historical Preservation Commission was present to discuss their plans to move and repair the historic pillars located at the north end of the town. Currently they are located on property owned by Crop Production Services. The HHPC is suggesting moving them to City property such as parks, entrances to town or the City lot south of the Opera House. The HHPC is applying for funding to moving them. It would be helpful to determined how deep they are embedded in the ground. Celeste wanted to share information on this project and hear input from the Chamber. The HHPC will have their next meeting on Sept. 13 at 6:30pm at the City Hall and encouraged anyone with questions or suggestions to contact her. The HHPC has been using the building at 12 S. Third Street as their office space and it was suggested they refresh the window appearance before the Fall Festival.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- 1) A question about when the previous quarterly organizations meeting will take place again. Heather will check with the PTA as they were the next host.
- 2) Cassandra shared a vendor list with Heather.
- 3) An Elephant Ears vendor is interested in the Fall Festival...questions about it being a food vendor and perhaps not acceptable to the Lions Club. Heather will check-out what is considered a food vendor to the Lions.

- 4) Kathy Hoob explained the structure of the present Stitchen Chicks quilt group and their participation in the festival events. She recommended starting another quilt group as there was a problem as the Stitchen Chicks are more of a family group that only meets a couple times a year and they are not a traditional quilt club. Their participation in the events in the past were to promote community involvement. It seems the terminology of a traditional quilt show vs a local art and casual quilt show was some of the misunderstanding. The idea to add some changes by inviting vendors that would have fabric to sell, demonstrations and invite quilters from the county in order to draw a larger audience have been suggested. This would need to be a new venture by those interested in a more traditional show.
- 5) Cassandra commented on the disadvantages of having a "theme" town such as Leavenworth after their recent visit there.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is October 5, 2016.