

Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

January 26, 2011

Meeting was opened at 5:32 by President Chris Bauer. He stated that in the future the minutes, treasurer's report and agenda will be distributed in advance so that all can be approved at the meeting by one motion. Debbie Slavik moved to adopt this procedure and approve this month's reports. Helen Harrington seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Vaida Aikins reported on the Healthy Ecosystems project. Surveys needed for the grant process are currently being completed by volunteers. It is hoped that the survey will be submitted the end of February.

Chris Bauer reported on the Pride Committee. A meeting tomorrow night at 5:30 at the library will discuss landscaping and sidewalk enhancements. Banners will not be ordered until new downtown light poles are decided upon so that the banners will fit on both the current and the future poles.

Eileen Robertson reported on SEKTR, explaining the background for participating in the Kansas Sampler tent. Humboldt will participate in the tent. She shared a copy of the ad to be placed in the Kansas Sampler Magazine.

Chris shared copies of the baseball brochure. Suggestions and needed corrections were discussed, including correcting for proper folding. It was suggested that brochures be placed in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in Wichita for distribution. The city hall requested copies as soon as they were available.

The volunteer banquet will be March 10, 2011 at the Lutheran Church as there was a conflict on the February date. C & S Traveling Kitchens will cater the meal. Dr. Long award applications are now available. Letters to community organizations requesting nominations were mailed January 26th.

A total of 100 membership decals will be ordered this year. It was suggested that a letter reiterating the benefits of belonging to the chamber be sent with the membership decals. Another suggestion was made that if the membership letters have not been mailed, benefits be outlined in the letter soliciting members.

New Business:

Mr. Tucker is going to Topeka to a senate hearing on signage to see if changes can be made to more easily allow signage on highways. He will report back what is said. Sunny Shreve has made email and telephone contact to determine if a group of towns would hold more sway on the senate's decision but it seems that the federal limitations are the major holdback, not who is asking for change.

The Downtown Action Team appointed a committee to pursue a grant for Humboldt historical district designation for certain areas of the central business district. The next meeting is February 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at city hall. If designation is achieved, tax credits and money is available for updates and improvements. Mr. Tucker announced that the central business district is in the Neighborhood Revitalization Area. If business owners make improvements of \$5000 or more, those improvements are not subject to taxes for six years.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Arbeiter
Acting Secretary