

HUMBOLDT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 13, 2017

President Chris Bauer called the February Chamber meeting to order in the Humboldt Library Community Room following a lunch provided by Emprise Bank. There were 25 members in attendance. The agenda, January's regular meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Biblesta – They have added two new members to the committee. B & W Custom Truckbeds made a new Biblesta sign and refurbished the pipe frame. Will get it put in place. All the entertainment has been contracted for the upcoming 60th Biblesta. The next meeting will be Monday, February 20th at 7 p.m.
- Humboldt PRIDE & Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems – They are in need of new members if anyone is interested. They will be putting more screenings on the walking trail because they washed away during the flood. City of Humboldt will get the screenings from the County for the trail. Their regular meeting is the 4th Monday of each month.
- HHPA – They are working on the 160th Celebration of Humboldt.
- Humboldt Historical Museum – Nothing to report. Next meeting is Monday, February 13th at 5:30 p.m.
- Hoe & Hope Garden Club – There will be a “Tree Care & Pruning” workshop on March 7, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library Community Room. If anyone is ever in need of a speaker, Hoe & Hope members are available.
- Tourism – The Kansas Sampler Festival is May 6th and 7th at Winfield this year. We will have a booth set up for Humboldt again this year.
- Dream Humboldt
 - Downtown Action Team – Working on the Bridge Street block to complete the rejuvenation.
 - Housing Action Team – Whitworth Construction beginning the renovations on the house at 605 Pecan. Should be complete in 3 to 4 weeks.
 - Business Action Team – Two new restaurants to be opened in Humboldt on the square, Opie's and Second Chance.
- City of Humboldt – There will be a Pet Clinic on February 20th at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Camp Hunter. City Council meeting on February 13th at 7 p.m. The sewer project will start with its design in 2017. Starting on the street project soon if weather conditions permit.
- Sign on the Square – Met with the company on January 31st to work on the proposal. The sign will be moved north a few feet and it will be a two sided lighted sign. One issue

they are researching is the Wi-Fi could be hacked. For an additional fee of \$20.00 a month after three years, the company will safeguard against it. Another monthly expense will be the electric to operate the sign. This would be additional costs for the City to absorb. Need to see if we should give the city a yearly stipend for these additional costs incur due to the new sign. Tabled for further research.

Unfinished Business:

- Thrive – Re-Imagine Humboldt will be a downtown summit meeting held on March 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. On April 1st and 2nd students from Wichita State University will be here to do service projects for Humboldt. They will be working with several groups in Humboldt that weekend. The Annual dinner for Thrive will be November 17th at the Humboldt High School Fieldhouse. This is the 10th annual dinner. They needed a larger facility to host the dinner. They have a target of 500 people attending. They will be needing help decorating the Fieldhouse for the dinner.
- 2017 Chamber Membership Drive – Again this year started with e-mails to past members and has received an excellent response to date. Will resend a reminder at the end of the month.
- Brochures – Four brochures are being brought up to date. Needing to purchase additional brochures to get the packets ready for the Kansas Sampler. Don Copley moved to purchase additional brochures needed for the packets. Cole Herder seconded. Motion carried.
- SMDC Workshop – We will be sponsoring 6 total meetings that will help businesses with marketing, computer technology, etc.

New Business:

No new business.

Announcements:

Next Chamber meeting will be the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary