

Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce
March 8, 2022
River Community Church

Chamber Board Members in Attendance:

President; Amber Larson, Secretary; Rebecca Fritz, Treasurer; Leslie Duinkerken, City Liasson;
Tom Early, Tammy McKillip, Mark Degraw

Others in attendance:

Admin Damon Scott, Dan Ahlers, Diana Lightner, Janet Degraw, Gennifer Randolph (Methodist Church)

The March meeting of was called to order by President Amber Larson.

Approval of Minutes:

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Leslie; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Deposits: \$45,175.91 Expenses: -\$7,312.41

Rebecca made a motion to approve the treasure report; second by Mark, report approved.

Election of New Officers

Board approved with discussion the following candidates to the subsequent roles

Secretary – Diana (Motioned by Mark, Seconded by Tammy)

Treasurer – Leslie (Motioned by Tammy, Seconded by Mark)

Vice President – Nate (Motioned by Mark, Seconded by Tammy)

President – Amber (Motioned by Mark, Seconded by Tammy)

Old Business:

- A. Spring Market/Easter Egg Hunt update
 - a. 25 Vendors have signed up as of meeting date
 - i. 2020 was the last time event was planned, but was not held due to covid. Had 37 exhibitors.
 - ii. Sign up is closed. March 1.
 - b. Will be held at the Elementary School in town
 - i. Charge for rent is \$280 (estimated – charge is by the hour). Includes minor janitorial.
 - c. Planning and layout will commence Monday 3/14 with select members and others
 - i. Amanda Roth will help with taping/marketing stall boundaries night before.
 - d. Event will take place on April 9th 9-2.
 - i. Doors open to vendors for set up at 8AM day of show.
 - ii. Egg Hunt at 10:30AM on School grounds
 - iii. Easter Bunny will be present from 10-11
 - e. Board requests volunteers and Boards involvement for the activity
 - i. Report at 8AM day of event to help hide eggs and man registration booth. Also need some for teardown/clean up.

- ii. Barb will be stuffing eggs that we will provide with candy provided from County Fair
 - f. Tables aren't provided for this event
- B. Quarry Days Committee Update
 - a. Street Dance
 - i. Contracts were recently executed for this year's entertainment
 - 1. "We're no Angels" – Opener (\$2,200) & "Ashley Wineland" – Headliner (\$1,750)
 - a. Weather Clause was included in contract with We're No Angels. We were unable to add this to Ashley's contract
 - b. "Whiskey & Rich" were booked for the 2023 event (\$2,500)
 - ii. Event will take place Saturday, June 25th, with Opener beginning around 7PM and Headliner finishing at midnight. Intermission planned in between performers
 - iii. Portable Toilets
 - 1. Determined that a vendor needed to be selected and penciled in. Damon to look into options. As well as for other weekend events requiring a toilet.
 - iv. Stage Trailers
 - 1. Damon locked down two trailers from a vendor in Brookings for the date, for pick up the prior day (8AM or later) and return by AM Monday.
 - a. Other vendors would/couldn't promise or hold these for this date
 - v. Willow Meadow Farms will provide a full and extensive petting zoo on Sunday.
 - 1. Worked/working with Vet Clinic to ensure synchronies and eliminate duplicate efforts.
 - vi. Family Entertainment
 - 1. Discussed. Damon reported on a group that Brittany from the library knows of a group that could come dressed in character
 - i. Charge is \$150 per character
 - 2. Drama Club
 - a. Amber to converse with club leader and look into
 - 3. Drumline
 - a. Dan was going to look into if they had any interest
 - 4. Lutheran Church
 - a. Tom mentioned to involve the LCDR Youth Director to see if they have any interest or capabilities
 - 5. Family Feud or Jeopardy – Sunday Night / Closing Entertainment
 - a. Need to coordinate with pageant. Recently caught wind of possible time change. Damon to reach out to Mrs. Wenzel.
 - 6. Gaga Ball
 - a. Amber mentioned possibility of hosting/providing a gaga tournament
 - i. Looking into easiest options to move or make proper court
 - 7. Pickle Ball Tournament
 - a. All set with outside organization. Will assist in marketing the event.
 - 8. Volleyball
 - a. Pizza Ranch committing to sponsoring the event again this year.
 - 9. Basketball
 - a. Rapid Fitness confirmed interest of organizing and running the event again this year.
 - 10. Tractor Pull
 - a. Appears in the works by Pizza Ranch. Not confirmed. Will request details for next meeting.
 - 11. Train Ride
 - a. L.G. Everest confirmed they would host again the annual train ride.
 - vii. Garbage Duty
 - 1. Tom E to confirm the Lion's Club will assist with trash over the weekend.

- viii. Bike Rodeo
 - 1. After recent meeting with downtown member, it was brought up to possibly reintroduce the Lion's Club event and engage the club.
 - a. Tom was going to look into and follow up
- ix. Minnehaha Sherriff's Office
 - 1. Would like to participate in an outreach event.
 - a. Chamber would like them to participate in some manner during the Quarry Days festivities
 - i. Possibilities include a tour of a police car/ safety review
 - ii. Damon has further details
 - iii. Nate mentioned local a local State Trooper might also like to be involved and will reach out

New Business:

- A. Flag Responsibility
 - a. Discussion: Was brought to the Boards attention that with the passing of Jay Nebben , its thought all of the relevant Flag Holidays/Special occasions may not be covered.
 - i. Chamber is responsible for Quarry Days weekend & Flag Day Annually
 - 1. Dan Typically does
 - ii. Chamber needs to reach out to Justin and ensure this year's schedule is covered
- B. Wine & Wander
 - a. Discussion: Board discussed and determined that event dates should reflect same consistent placement in Calendar to make more predictable planning and provide for publications.
 - i. Event will be held July 30th, 2022
 - 1. Will be held annually last Saturday of July
 - ii. Wine Glasses (Complimentary to attendees)
 - 1. Tammy motioned to order 200 glasses (\$4.10/each), seconded by Diana, passed.
 - a. Vendor can't guarantee delivery by event date if we don't place the order soon
 - b. No date/year will be printed on the glass
- C. Introduced New Business
 - a. Chamber Decals - "Dell Rapids Chamber Member"
 - i. Janet Degraw & Theresa (Not present) made samples of decals for the Board. They have a variety of options depicting the Chamber logo and proposing providing these for Members to display in store fronts or public places.
 - ii. Board instructed Janet to make a slightly smaller one (approximately index card size) to bring to next meeting.
 - iii. Decision to order determined quantity and image, tabled for next meeting

Admin Report:

- A. Jill Weiland approached the Chamber noting that Don Barnett would be holding a book tour and would like to visit the town. Don Barnett is a former Mayor of Rapid City. Seeking the Senior Center to host.
 - a. Date & details to be determined
- B. Coffee W/ a Cop
 - a. Sometime in May is the plan. Will be listed on City water bill to advertise. They are requesting the Chamber to help get out the word and advertise for the event
- C. City Wide Rummage
 - a. Discussion: Board discussed that it is unknown who is currently in charge of the event for this year. Chamber was approached last year and wasn't followed through.
 - i. Usually the last Thursday- Sunday in May
 - 1. Amber will follow up with Rebecca F as she met with them last year
- D. Quarry Days Logo Challenge

- a. To date, we received 5 submissions
- E. Pine Wood Derby Event
 - a. Tom mentioned to the board that the Lion's would be hosting/judging the event held at RCC.
 - i. March 26 beginning at 9 AM. Spread the word
- F. Mayor's Adress
 - a. Tom mentioned to the Board of planned destruction/construction improvement projects for the upcoming year.
 - i. 7th to 12th Street on Garfield will be repaired and top dressed
 - 1. Board brought up concerns about timing and parade line up
 - ii. Also plan to redo 3rd Street from New Orleans to the HWY in 2023

Adjourn: Nate made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tammy seconded. Adjourned at 7:59PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 12, 6:15 pm River Community Church

Minutes Take by: Nate O'Bryan