

Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce
Date of meeting: December 13, 2022
Held @ 6:30 via Zoom

Chamber Board Members in Attendance: President: Amber Larson, Vice President: Nate O'Bryan, Treasurer: Leslie Duinkerken, Secretary: Diana Lightner, Jessica Grib, Tammy McKillip and Mark Degraw.

Others in Attendance: Damon Scott-Admin, Tom Earley, Dan Ahlers, Janet Degraw, Gennifer Randall and Theresa Durfee.

The December Meeting was called to order by President Amber Larson

Approval of Minutes:

Mark made a motion to approve the November Secretary minutes as printed; second by Leslie; minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Deposits \$1,596.46 Expenses \$3,733.43.

Mark made a motion to approve the Treasurer report; second by Tammy; report approved.

Visitors: Mayor Tom Earley, provided an update on the former Wells Fargo Building. Architecture Inc. is working on plans for the remodel, bids for contractors will be out in April, but no ETA on the completion date. They would like input from the Chamber for what our needs will be for the new office space such as technology, phone & internet etc. Damon will be working closely with Justin at City Hall.

Old business:

1. Christmas at the Dells
 - a. Held December 2nd-4th. Events were well attended and planning for 2023 will take place in early 2023.
 - b. Santa Event - New Santa Suit was used by Jason. The previous suit was used by Mark on the FIRE TRUCK-will continue to keep both. One for indoor use and pictures and 2nd for outdoor use-even if not perfect. Suggestion to rotate Santa Photo Stops—open it up to our Chamber Members to have the opportunity to participate.
 - c. Punch card drawing to be held at Always Your Design and announced on New Years
2. Annual Banquet
 - a. Scheduled February 19, 2023, at the American Legion and catered by Cricket's Catering.
 - b. Need to submit/discuss nominees at the January Board Meeting for Business of the Year, Community Spirit Award, and Volunteer of the Year—which could change to Citizen of the Year during Quarry Days.

New Business:

1. Midco Marketing Proposal for Quarry Days/Wine and Wander. Tabled until more information can be documented.
2. Website/Invoicing.
 - a. GrowthZone \$6,000 investment for both – they design a new website and has the ability to track payments etc.
 - b. Quickbooks (\$55.00/month) for Invoices versus Excel currently used (no expense) looking for ease of payments and tracking.
 - c. Tabled until more information is available.
3. Billboard Signs.
 - a. Nate and Dan have been working on necessary repairs/replacing the 2 Billboards on I-29 that were damaged during a storm. We will need to update electrical and lighting. More information to come before installation Spring 2023. We have \$5,400.00 in reserve for repairs.
 - b. Designs to be approved-keeping it simple as cars are traveling at 80 mph. We are hoping to sell spaces for Chamber Members to advertise to offset costs and/or highlight upcoming Chamber events for example Quarry Days.
4. Southeast South Dakota Tourism Guide.
 - a. Diana motion to approve \$198.00 for our advertisement (at 50% off in 2023), second by Mark.

Admin Report:

1. Damon is pleased with 2022 events coming to a close and look forward to a successful 2023.

Adjourn: Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mark seconded.

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 10th, 6:30 River Community Church

Minutes Taken by: Diana Lightner