

Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Date of meeting: January 10, 2023

6:30 River Community Church

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

Others in Attendance: Damon Scott-Admin, Tom Earley, Janet Degraw, Theresa Durfee, and Brian Anderson.

The January Meeting was called to order by President Amber Larson

Approval of Minutes:

Jessica made a motion to approve the December Secretary minutes as printed; second by Nate; minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Deposits \$1430.40 Expenses \$6,447.09.

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

Visitors: Brian Anderson, Dells Theatre is looking at having a Mural painted on the east side of the building. Amber, Tammy and Nate will serve on the Committee, Brian will approve the final design Dell Rapids can use as a photo opportunity for visitors coming to town.

Mayor Tom Earley provided an update on the former Wells Fargo Building-ETA moving in the year 2024.

Janet and Theresa spoke about Quarry Days-next Committee meeting is January 23, 2023. Discussion on Raffle packages to kickoff at our Annual Meeting February 19<sup>th</sup>. One request is the City to clean bathrooms during QD and/or more bathroom stations and the need for more tables/spools for the street dance.

Old business:

1. Annual Banquet
  - a. Scheduled February 19, 2023, at the American Legion and catered by Cricket's Catering. Volunteers to set up at noon.
  - b. Damon will apply for liquor license and collect donation items for the Silent Auction. Event Invitations will be sent out.
  - c. Please submit nominees for Business of the Year and Community Spirit Award. Amber and Damon will work on the awards to be presented. We are not awarding a volunteer of the year as there is a new award to be given out at QD by a community committee.
2. Billboard Signs.
  - a. Nate presented some designs. A committee will work together and bring designs to the board for voting. Pricing for Chamber Members to advertise to offset costs TBD.

New Business:

1. Chamber Educational Opportunities.
  - a. Damon shared an idea of having "coffee breaks" featuring a speaker on relevant topics for our business owners. It was decided to offer this quarterly. Some suggestions were Security, Tax Tips or Fraud Prevention in 2023. These would be recorded live and posted for our members who couldn't attend.
  - b. Tammy would like to see a lending library with educational materials for our members for resources to borrow.
2. Legislative Coffee.
  - a. 10:00 am February 11, 2023 at Pizza Ranch. Damon and Tom Early, Lions Club will attend.
3. Ag News Advertising and SD Dept of Transportation advertising opportunities voted down.
4. Better Culture Chamber Partnership Initiative proposal-tabled.
5. 2023 Budget Review.
  - a. Amber presented actual 2022 costs and a Budget for 2023. This was given to the city for our annual funding requirements.
6. Southeast South Dakota Tourism Guide.
  - a. Partner with Sioux Metro Growth Alliance and the City of Dell Rapids for the annual publication, we get a 50% discount for 2023. Diana motion to approve \$198.00 for our advertisement, second by Mark.

Admin Report:

1. Damon looks forward to a successful 2023, we increased our Membership from 68 in 2021 to 80 in 2022.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 14th, 6:30 River Community Church

Minutes Taken by: Diana Lightner