

Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Date of meeting: September 12, 2023

6:30 PM River Community Church

Chamber Board Members in Attendance: President-Amber Larson, Vice-President: Nate O'Bryan, Treasurer: Diana Lightner, Secretary: Tammy McKillip, Jessica Grib & Theresa Durfee.

Others in Attendance: Damon Scott-Admin & Janet Degraw & Mayor Tom Earley-City Liaison.

The meeting was called to order by President Amber Larson.

Approval of Minutes: Diana made a motion to approve the August Secretary minutes as printed; second by Jessica; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Diana provided report: Deposits \$3,450.50, Expenses \$6,311.77. Jessica made a motion to approve the Treasurer report; second by Theresa; report approved.

Guests to be Heard: None

Old Business:

1. **Wine & Wander Review:** Discussed attendance was down this year primarily due to the air show in Sioux Falls. We will have to consider if we want the slush machine again due to the expense. Breweries brought their own servers & nice when they can bring their own tents & the chamber tents can be used for more shade. Will consider setting up in street vs. on sidewalk next year.
2. **Annual Banquet Speaker Options:** Event will be Sunday March 3, 2024. Several options were discussed & potential candidates will be approached. We will discuss more at next meeting.
3. **Homecoming Parade:** Damon will drive vehicle from Dells Auto, Amber & Tammy will walk & pass out candy, Chamber & Dell Auto Magnets will on the truck.
4. **Downtown Trick or Treat:** Theresa gave an update & discussed more details on the scarecrow contest w/ 2 categories & trophies/no wire on light poles. Details: punchboard, treats/tricks, cutouts, selfie booth, pumpkin decorating contest, guessing contest etc. RCC is coordinating a Cupcake Walk. Quest will have games. We will set up booths on the edge of curb. 14 Volleyball girls will volunteer-we will rotate them.
5. **Senior Trail Ride:** Damon gave update on golf carts/Jessica supplied etc., Damon, Tammy, Jessica & Tom will drive along with others. Cookies/cider & handout will be provided.

New Business:

1. Third Fridays: Damon was approached by a resident about doing events every third Friday, they will be advised to contact the Downtown committee to discuss further.

Admin Report:

1. Damon's reported his 2nd anniversary with the Chamber & he really enjoys his position. He is continuing to get more & more submissions for the Events calendar. He is also working on adding more items to the welcome bags.

Upcoming Events:

1. Senior Trail Ride, Sunday, September 10th 1 PM
2. Homecoming Parade, Friday, September 15th 1 PM
3. Downtown Trick Or Treat Friday, October 27th 4-7 PM
4. Christmas at the Dells, December 2nd-3rd "Candyland Christmas" theme

Adjourn: Diana made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Nate seconded.

Next Meeting: October 10th, 6:30 pm, River Community Church

Minutes Taken By: Tammy McKillip