

Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Date of meeting: October 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 and Jessica Grib, Mark Degraw & 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: Mark made a motion to approve the September Secretary minutes as printed; second by Diana; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Diana provided report: Deposits \$1,390.00, Expenses \$5,135.41. Mark made a motion to approve the Treasurer report; second by Jessica; report approved.

Guests to be Heard: None

Old Business:

1. **Senior Trail Ride:** Overall all event went well & was enjoyed by 18 riders from Orchard Hills & Dells Nursing/Rehab Center utilizing 10 golf carts. Picking up & dropping off residents at OH is an option which will be explored along with any insurance considerations for following years.
2. **Annual Banquet Speaker Options:** Diana reported on speaker candidate Jennifer Reecy. Tammy motioned to approve Mrs. Reecy as a speaker, second by Jessica. Speech topic will be researched & agreed upon.
3. **Downtown Trick or Treat:** Motion was made by Diana to approve \$250.00 donation to the volleyball team for their assistance. So far, 12 are signed up for new scarecrow contest. Stuffing cups for game will be at JR Alterations at 6PM 10/24/23, anyone that can help is encouraged to come. Volunteers should be downtown by Noon on 10/27 to start with set up.
4. **Christmas at the Dells:** Update given that the person utilized in the past for the sleigh rides is unavailable, other options will be researched. QR Codes will be utilized instead of punch cards this year. Schedule of events is being worked on. So far, the jazz band will be playing at the Opera House, Santa has been secured, tree lighting etc.

New Business:

1. **Dell City Journal Subscription:** \$43/Year, it was agreed to continue the subscription.
2. **Burger Battle 2024:** Damon has received positive feedback & interest in having this event in Feb 2024. Discussion was had to include surrounding communities as well.
3. **Dueling Duos Contract:** Approved to book for 2024 Quarry Days, price did not increase over previous years. Diana made motion to approve & second by Theresa.

Administrators Report

1. We applied for a marketing grant of \$10k via the SD Department of Tourism, if awarded this will be used for Quarry Days advertising costs.
2. Damon continues to work on obtaining new memberships & renewals of existing members.

Upcoming Events:

1. Downtown Trick or Treat Friday, October 27th 4-7 PM
2. Small Business Saturday, November 25th
3. Christmas at the Dells, December 2nd-3rd "Candyland Christmas" theme

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

Next Meeting: November 14th, 6:30 pm, River Community Church

Minutes Taken By: Tammy McKillip