

Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Date of meeting: December 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, Mark McGraw & Theresa Durfee.

Others in Attendance: 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 October Secretary minutes as printed; second by Nate; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Diana provided report: Deposits \$4,031.50, Expenses \$8,757.19. Mark made a motion to approve the Treasurer report; second by Jessica; report approved.

Guests to be Heard: Bob Rusty & Dan Devaney from Dell Rapids Legion. The suggestion was made to combine Cootie Days with Quarry Days – starting in 2025. Board will give this due consideration & provide a response at a later date.

Old Business:

1. **Christmas at the Dells:** Event went well, good weather resulted in high attendance. Extra efforts by Mark to solicit participants made a difference. The added events helped the success of event. The scavenger hunt was the first year, going well, will add more detail next year to avoid confusion. The Jazz concert at the Grand with both Public & St. Mary's made for a unified successful treat. Extra measure will be taken for animal excrements to be cleaned up after the parade, this info will be added to the sign-up form. New members need Chamber window stickers. Thank You notes will be signed by Board, stop by FNB.
2. **Administrator Position Update:** Job description was reviewed, more changes will be made & sent out for final approval. The job posting will be advertised via various types of media. Goal is to have all apps in by January 8th, 2024.

New Business:

1. **January Newsletter:** Nate & Amber will work on this. Discussed ideas of table toppers.
2. **Burger Battle:** Tabled until next meeting.
3. **Annual Banquet:** Diana gave an update, still discuss venue options. More quotes will be obtained & decided at next meeting.
4. **Committee Meeting Schedules:** Just be thinking about getting these scheduled soon.
5. **Coffee Break-1 Qtr. 2024:** Tabled until next meeting.
6. **Judging of Christmas Contests:** December 21, 2023. It was determined that jot forms can be created & Board can vote via this method.

Upcoming Events:

1. **Santa & Grinch Photo Op at Pizza Ranch:** December 13, 2023, 5:30 PM.
2. **Dells Lumber Santa Photo Op:** December 16, 2023, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
3. **Annual Banquet:** March 3, 2024

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

Next Meeting: January 9th, 6:30 pm, River Community Church

Minutes Taken By: Tammy McKillip