

Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Date of meeting: February 13, 2024

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.

**Others in Attendance:** N/A

The meeting was called to order by President Amber Larson.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Diana provided report: Deposits \$1,439.50, Expenses \$3,834.39. Mark made a motion to approve the Treasurer report; second by Tammy; report approved.

**Guests to be Heard:** Bryce Xavier with The Bread Box: This ministry is available to people every Saturday's at 11 AM. 95% of the items are bread/bakery items, donated by Hy-Vee grocery stores. On average, 600 people are served/mo. Also in attendance was Barb Xavier with the Daily Bread Food Pantry: Open the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month from 5-6 pm (box of food/frozen meat/Eggs). Food is primarily supplied/Purchased by Feeding South Dakota. On average 35 families attend each pantry night. A free, community meal is also available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month from 5-6 pm. Both of these ministries are located at Quarry Rock Church, who is a Dell Rapids Chamber member. They would like the Chamber to help advertising these events via flyers, the event calendar & social media posts.

**Old Business:**

1. **Administrator Position Update:** A new admin has been selected & is slated to start on 03/01/24. The name has not been released pending notification of the candidate's present employer etc. Official announcement will come soon.
2. **Annual Banquet:** Amber & Jessica are working on silent auction items, more can join & help on Tuesday 02/20/24 at 6:15 PM @ RCC. Amber will get the key for the Legion & open is on Sunday 03/03 at Noon, board members are encouraged to help with set up. The event will begin at 5 PM.
3. **Dells-Opoly Game Sponsorship:** Details were discussed. Pending further information from Jason Uphoff. May also consider offsetting cost with Meat Raffle proceeds. A date for a Meat Raffle will be scheduled in March.

**New Business:**

1. **Sheldon Jensen-DR Economic Development:** Sheldon presented information/cost regard the Travel SD Co-Op Marketing Program/605 Media Company Photo & Video Asset Program. Details & cost were reviewed at great length. Deadline for decision was 02/23/24 & deadline to apply was 03/01/24. Tammy made motion to respectfully decline at this time, second by Nate, motion carried.
2. **Legion Poker Tournament:** Jody S from Legion requested \$30 gift card donation. Mark motioned to approve GC donation, second by Diana, motion approved.
3. **Legislative Coffee:** Dan Ahlers is working on it, Tom Earley will be the moderator.
4. **Dells Restaurant Competition:** Be thinking of ideas to replace the "Burger Battle", will table until new admin can help facilitate.
5. **Easter Egg Hunt:** Amber secured the Elementary School location. Set up help should arrive at 8:00 AM 03/23. Event will be held outside weather permitting. Gym will be used as back-up. The Dell Rapids Boy Scouts will be hosting their annual derby at RCC at 11 AM following the hunt, the Chamber will promote both events.
6. **March Newsletter & Schedule of Events:** Need March events by 02/23/24. Amber will assign each board member a number of chamber members to contact.
7. **Membership Contacts:** Committee introduced new membership benefit packages. Board reviewed & minor adjustments were made. Nate motioned to approve the structure/rates, second by Mark, motion carried.

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**Upcoming Events:**

1. Legislative Coffee: Saturday February 17 @ Pizza Ranch 10 AM
2. Chamber Mixer: Sunday February 18 @ Rapid Fitness 2:30 PM
3. Annual Banquet: Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ DR American Legion 5 PM
4. Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 23 & DR Public Elementary School 10 AM

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

**Next Meeting:** March 12, 2024, 6:30 pm, River Community Church

**Minutes Taken By:** Tammy McKillip