

Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Date of meeting: August 13, 2024

6:30 PM River Community Church

Chamber Board Members in Attendance: Officers: President-Amber Larson, Vice-President: Nate O'Bryan, Board Members: Mark McGraw and Theresa Durfee

Others in Attendance: Mayor Tom Earley-City Liaison & Janet Degraw

The meeting was called to order by President Amber Larson.

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

Treasurer's Report: Amber provided report: Deposits \$0, Expenses \$31,917.86. Mark made a motion to approve the Treasurer report; second by Theresa; report approved.

Guests to be Heard: Tom Earley gave update on Chamber budget proposal at city council meeting.

Old Business:

1. **Travel SD Co-op Marketing:** Photos turned out great. Amber shared a link with all board members.
2. **New City Building:** Most items have been moved to the new office in city hall. We have some older items to go through yet that are still at RCC. Claire has given us approval to move a storage cabinet into the basement with welcome packet supplies. She requests that we only get in that room periodically. Mark will check to see how many packets are remaining at Ladelle & Fourth. She has ordered us a phone and shelf system. We will plan a night to finish unpacking once those items arrive.
3. **City Budget Request:** We requested \$75,000 from the city. Our request was submitted to the city. Nate & Amber gave a presentation and attended the second budget meeting. The city council will be making a decision by their first meeting in September.

New Business:

1. **Senior Trail Ride:** Jessica is heading up this event on Sept 8th. Amber will touch base with her as she is not in attendance.
2. **Homecoming:** We will have an entry in the homecoming parade. Amber will register.
3. **Downtown Trick or Treat:** Theresa is heading up this event on Oct 25th. She is going to post save the dates on social media. She hosted the punchboard last year, but is going to see if a business is interested in hosting this year. The HS volleyball team assisted as well last year, but is unable this year. Josh will play music and have a microphone for children to tell jokes again. We will have sign ups for house contest, scarecrow, pet costume, costume, & pumpkin decorating contests out soon.
4. **Quarry Days:** Nate proposed to give a thank you to Pat Fritz for assisting with street dance setup. Second by Mark. Thank you gift is approved. Nate will discuss this with him. Mark motioned to also send a thank you to Dells Electric for their continued assistance with electrical needs. Theresa second. Thank you gift is approved. Nate will call Xcel Energy to see if they replaced Omar's canopy that was destroyed by the leaking electrical transmitter. The Legion is discussing their interest on combining Quarry Days/Cootie Days in 2025 and will get back to us.
5. **Board Members:** Diana Lightner and Tammy McKillip have decided to step down from their positions on the board. We will look for recruiting 2 new board members.

Administrators Report: We will be hosting interviews next week.

Upcoming Events:

1. **Senior Trail Ride:** September 8, 2024
2. **Homecoming Parade:** September 13, 2024
3. **Downtown Trick or Treat:** October 25, 2024

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

Next Meeting: Sept 10, 2024, 6:30 pm, River Community Church

Minutes Taken By: Amber Larson