

Stuart Chamber of Commerce

October 3, 2018

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The State of Iowa Healthiest State Walk was held prior to the meeting. The Guthrie County Clinic and Adair County Medical Clinic sponsored event.

President Kristy Lonsdale called the meeting to order at 12:22 PM on October 3, 2018 at Los Altos. Seventeen members were present. Two guest were present – Carmen Hawley, Varley Law and Sam McIntosh, Stuart Radio.

September Minutes were emailed out prior to the meeting. Cheryl Marks motioned to approve the September Minutes with the correction of Diane Belden being added to the Mural Design Committee. Karen Varley seconded. Motion passed.

Cheryl Marks, Treasurer reviewed the Treasurer's report for October 2018. A copy was given to each member present. Karen Penton motioned to approve the September Treasurers Report. Russ Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Updates:

Beautification:

- Loretta Sloss reported the Stuart Flowers is working on the Fall design for the flower pots.

Good Egg Days:

- Lonsdale gave update on outstanding bills for the 2018 event

Membership/Business Promotion/Special Events:

- Marks presented the statement for the Annual Website maintenance and website hosting. The Hotel/Motel tax funds will pay the \$2,100 for the maintenance fee. Stuart Chamber will need to pay the \$5.95 per month of website hosting for 36 months (discount for paying more than one year). Marks also presented information from the Congregate Mealsite that they were asking for the annual donation for 2-\$10 Stuart Chamber Bucks for their Halloween event. Sloss motioned to pay both the website hosting and the Congregate Mealsite. Wagner seconded motion. Motion passed.

Marketing/Promotions:

- None

Directors Report:

- Brenda Dudley gave an update on upcoming Coffees and After Hours.
- Dudley reported on the Revitalize Stuart Committee and gave information about the upcoming History Walk for Stuart.
- Dudley handed out the travel brochure with the Stuart Chamber advertising in it.
- Small business Saturday is coming up, November 24th. Sloss and Dudley are working together on this event.
- Old Glory Relay will be passing through Stuart on Wednesday, October 17th.
- Dudley reported that the Stuart Chamber suggested Halloween Hours to City Council, Tuesday, October 30th downtown walk from 5PM to 6:30PM and City wide from 6PM to 8PM. These will not be final until approval from City Council.

Old Business:

- Friday Night – for Manufacturing Day – Wausau – October 5th at 5PM (update after meeting, event cancelled)
- Community Coffee – New Beginnings Open Bible Church – October 19th from 7AM to 8AM

New Business:

- Lonsdale reported on ideas for Holiday with the Stuart Revitalization Committee, Loins Club and Stuart Chamber. Discussion was held and several suggestions were given.

Business Updates:

- Tiffany Johnson reported that the Stuart Adair County Medical has two upcoming walk in Flu Clinic dates – October 11th and October 24th from 9AM to 5PM
- Wagner reported that he has several upcoming education seminars.
- Varley introduced Carmen Hawley as the new employee of Varley Law
- James Maertens introduced Sam McIntosh and gave an update of the changes at Stuart Radio.
- Bob Cook announced that the 2019 Scoop the Loop dates were set.
- Lonsdale announced that the Stuart Herald will have an upcoming Gift Guide and Holiday Greetings
- Sloss reported that they currently have 2 buildings for rent, if anyone knows someone wanting a store front.
- Marks announced the Rolling Hills Heifer Project – deadline to apply is November. Information is on website.

Community Reports:

SEED Update: Phase 2 is progressing.

Stuart Lions: Working on holiday plans.

Midwest Partnership: Educator Summit is coming up.

White Pole Road: Poles are done being painted.

Next meeting will be on October 7, 2018 at Noon at Country Kitchen.

Wagner motioned to adjourn. Marks seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:58PM.

Email the stuartchamber@aol.com if you have any announcements that you would like to have sent out to the Chamber group.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Johnson
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