

Stuart Chamber Minutes from meeting held on 11-07-18

Present: Kristen Renslow, Ames Cross, Russ Wagner, Ashleigh Margiagi, Karen Penton, Jami Paulsen, Sam McIntosh, Brenda Dudley, Kristi Lonsdale, Diane Belden and Loretta Sloss.

President Lonsdale called the meeting to order and read an email letter received from Chamber Secretary Tiffany Johnson. The letter noted she felt she needed to resign her position at the end of the year and would not be running for the position for 2019 year. She stated it was due to a child's health issues, personal work demands and other life needs and fulfillments. It was noted that we will miss her as she had been an asset to the Chamber through the years.

Motion to approve last month's minutes was by Diane and seconded by Kristen. Treasures report was reviewed and motion to accept was by Kristen and seconded by Loretta.

Committee Updates:

Beautification: Loretta has been talking with Christy O'Brien regarding winter planter décor and Christy is working on them but might not be in place by SBS. We did give her a down payment towards her work and materials.

Good Egg Days: Kristi noted that we still have one collection from Good Eggs Days to collect of \$500 from Austin.

Marketing/Media update: No information as Cheryl could not attend.

Membership: None

Updated From Director Brenda:

Community Coffee. Next month's Host will be switched to another month due to illness. Karl Chevrolet stated they might be able to host it. Will confirm with Brenda later this week.

Due to busy holiday season approaching it was decided not to have November or December After Hours gathering. Consideration to review this event will be voted on in January. Not well attended in recent months.

Brenda recapped the Historical Walk which approximately 120 people attended. DVD's of the Walk will be for sale in near future.

Vinyl Clings for Chamber Member windows was discussed and vote to proceed with ordering them. She figures they will be about \$2 each. Diane motion to approved expenditure and Dr. Cross seconded motion.

The marquee town sign is now fixed and mike T. has shown Brenda how to operate it.

Brenda proposed a new fun mini event for chamber members to participate in for the public. It is comparable to the Elf on the Shelf, only it would be an Xmas Egg possibly. It would rotate

spots/business on a schedule and the public would have to search where it might be found for the duration of the event. Rules to be established yet but this was the idea. Russ suggested giving three prize places up to \$175 Chamber Bucks. Brenda will let us know final rules/plans for event. All thought it was a great idea.

PALS requesting donation of money to bring Rudy Daniels back to Stuart to speak @ \$50 a session. Motion to approve from Diane and seconded by Karen. He has three topics he can speak on: She's Been Working on the Railroad, Trains Across Iowa, & US Railroad Operations During WWI. It was discussed we could hold sessions at the Depot and Chamber would be in charge of publicity and PR and benefit from it.

Lunch & Learn-in process of being planned on 11-29, from 12-1:00. Instructor would be Tiffany Johnson, topic is Basics of Facebook for Small Businesses.

Motion to approve by Russ and seconded by Karen.

Business Update: Dr. Cross told the chamber he now has 3D Imaging capability which will provide him with more possibilities for client services such as implants. He also shared he was not a recipient of the ? Grant assisting financially new Dentists practices in rural areas.

Karl's is hiring many new employees for open positions in new buildings.
Big Deal Suds now has another new business location in Panora.

Other Updates: Community Christmas celebration is Dec. 8th. Chamber donation of \$100 for Santa bags (Kristen, seconded by Karen).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: President Kristi Lonsdale, VP Russ Wagner, Sec. Karen Varley and Treasure Cheryl Marks.

Other business: Christmas Lighting Contest & Deadline for Sara's Holiday Giving is 16th. Tom S. doing article on White Pole Road and Jim painting over 200 poles.

Motion to adjourn by Russ, seconded by Karen.

Respectfully Submitted, Loretta Gloss