

Stuart Chamber of Commerce

December 7, 2016

<http://www.stuartia.com>

President Lynsi Pasutti called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM on December 7, 2016 at Country Kitchen. Nine members and one guest were present.

A motion by Shannon Behnken to approve the minutes that were emailed prior to the meeting. Eric Tiernan seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer Shannon Behnken presented the treasurer's report. Cheryl Marks motioned to approve the treasurer's reports, followed by a second from Jeff Schwartzkopf. Motion carried.

Karen Penton was introduced by Eric Tiernan. Karen is a new employee of Town & Country Insurance. She will begin attending Stuart Chamber meetings on their behalf.

Committee Updates:

Beautification:

- Jeff Schwartzkopf announced that we need to find storage for the Christmas decorations that are at First State Bank. He will work on getting this set up. Discussion was held on the possibility of doing the park again next year. It was suggested that a committee be formed in by mid-year to start working on it.

Good Egg Days:

- A committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 6:30PM at the Stuart Public Library.

Membership/Business Promotion/Special Events:

- Ribbon Cutting for Simply Hair will be December 14th at 1PM
- Grand Re-Opening for Ruby's Pub will be Friday, December 9th at 5PM.
- Lynsi Pasutti discussed the Hospitality Training with WITR and ISU Extension. These will be held in the spring.

Marketing/Promotions:

- Small Business Saturday was successful. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated.
- On the Stuart website (www.stuartia.com) there is an event calendar that anyone can submit events. If your business or organization is having an event please take a few minutes to put it on here. We would like this to be the go to place for people to figure out what is going on.
- Lynsi Pasutti will begin the Let's Put Stuart on the Map (Google) in January.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Stuart Chamber Bucks for Elementary Classes were discussed. It was motioned by Shannon Behnken to give each class \$25 in Stuart Chamber Bucks. Loretta Sloss seconded. Motion carried.
- Eric Tiernan announced to the lights and decorations contest by residents and business owners. Shaw Beldon Insurance, Town & Country Insurance and True Value are sponsoring the contest.

Business Updates:

- Adair County Medical Clinic in Stuart will be closed from December 5th until December 20th. They are doing a complete remodel. They will host a reopening ribbon cutting in December and Open House in the spring.
- First State Bank will be hosting Customer Appreciation Week. Come enjoy treats.
- Stuart Theatre is having an Adult Comedy Show on December 10th. They are planning a New Year's Eve Comedy Show.
- Stuart Flowers is having Ladies Night on December 8th with guest artist.

- December 17, 2017 Turtle Star Studio will be doing a kick off to host a feature artist each month.

Community Reports:

City of Stuart: None

SEED Update: None

Midwest Partnership: Annual Dinner is January 26, 2017 in Panora. Award nominations for leadership and entrepreneurship due January 6th.

White Pole Road: None

Lions Club: None

Community Visioning: None

Western Skies Scenic Byway: Next regular meeting is December 13th in Harlan

Western Iowa Tourism Region: None

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January, 2 2017 at Los Altos.

Jeff Schwartzkopf motioned to adjourn at 12:45PM. Loretta Sloss seconded. Motion carried.

If your business would like to host a Stuart Chamber meeting please let us know. 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
Stuart Chamber of Commerce