

Stuart Chamber of Commerce June 6, 2018 – Country Kitchen

Attendees: Brenda Dudley, Loretta Sloss, Karen Penton, Sarah Gomez, Jennifer Hostetler, Amy Koster, Kristen Renslow, James Martens, Kristy Lonsdale, Angie Queener, Lori Campbell, Kelly Beck, Jeff Schwartzkopf, Karen Varley.

President Kristy Lonsdale called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting on May 2, 2018, had been emailed to members on June 4. Karen Penton moved to approve the minutes. Loretta Sloss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kristy reviewed the treasurer's report orally and circulated the printed report to attendees. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes. Amy Koster moved to approve the treasurer's report. Angie Queener seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Guest speaker Jim Cushing of Wellmark's Healthy Hometown initiative presented a slide show regarding medical costs and what communities can do to encourage healthy behaviors: Eat Well, Move More, Feel Better. Examples included bike racks, community gardens, and nicotine-free parks. Jim can consult with local leaders to do an assessment and develop strategies. The Wellmark program does not provide grants but can help position a community to apply for project funding from other sources.

Committee Updates:

Beautification

- Final planter will soon be in place. Considering new floral themes for next year.

Good Egg Days

- Lions Club needs help shredding pork at Methodist Church Saturday morning, and serving noon meal at the park.
- Volunteers are needed to watch gates/take money at Saturday night dance.
- Goodie bags will be prepared for 50 children; items can be contributed.
- Citizen of the Year nominations were briefly reviewed.

Membership

- Sarah Gomez gave a brief Midwest Partnership update and asked the Chamber to consider paying dues. The Chamber has been a member of MWP in the past. Loretta Sloss moved that the Chamber pay dues of \$500 for this year. Amy Koster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- The annual dinner on May 17 was successful. Special thanks to Loretta and Kristy for their help.
- Five people attended the Lunch & Learn presentation on May 24 from the Small Business Development Center.
- Karl Chevrolet groundbreaking was held June 1. Thanks to SEED for donating funds for the shovels. This also served as the First Friday event for June.
- The next Community Coffee will be June 15 at the Adair County Medical Clinic.
- The next First Friday event is July 6 at Los Altos.
- The October First Friday event coincides with National Manufacturing Day, October 5, and is tentatively planned for Wausau Supply.
- Business Spotlights are requested for publication in the Stuart Herald and on Facebook.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, **July 11**, 2018, at noon at Country Kitchen.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m. on a motion by Karen Varley.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Varley