

Stuart Chamber of Commerce

August 1, 2018

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President Kristy Lonsdale called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM on August 1, 2018 at Country Kitchen. Thirteen members were present. No guest were present.

July Minutes were emailed out prior to the meeting. The information in the Treasurers report about 6 new members needs to be changed to auto debit members instead of new members. Karen Penton motioned to approve the July Minutes. Karen Varley seconded. Motion passed.

Cheryl Marks, Treasurer reviewed the Treasurer's report for July 2018. A copy was given to each member present. Discussion was held about outstanding Good Egg Bills and the collection of payment for the Street Dance. Varley motioned to approve the July Treasurers Report. Dr. Cross seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Updates:

Beautification:

- Loretta Sloss is working on getting bids for fall and winter décor for the flower pots

Good Egg Days:

- Discussion was held during Treasurers Report
- Lonsdale is working on getting the carnival for 2019

Membership/Business Promotion/Special Events:

- Marks presented the Stuart logo. Discussion was held on use of logo
- Working on brochure. Will include new logo

Marketing/Promotions:

- Brenda Dudley has been doing visit with businesses that are not Chamber members to encourage membership

Old Business:

- Teacher's Breakfast is August 17th. Donations and volunteers is going well. Dudley will send out reminder email of when you are signed up to help.
- Discussion was held on the Stuart Buying Group signature for checks. Discussion was held. Varley is going to look into the sharing of EIN number. Tabled until September meeting.

New Business:

- A bill from Western Iowa Tourism was presented. Discussion was held on membership. Will be tabled until 2019 membership bill comes since late in the 2018 year.
- Tiffany Johnson presented bid from Tiernan Tech for laptop, printer, Microsoft Office and maintenance for the Stuart Chamber Director to use. The total price \$1,554.97 to include 1 year of Microsoft Office and 1 year of maintenance from Tiernan Tech. Dr. Cross motioned to purchase the equipment for the \$1,554.97. Russ Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Dr. Cross and Kristen Renslow presented information about the FIND program from Delta Dental. Discussion was held on the importance of having Dentist that takes Medicaid insurance in Stuart. Sloss motioned to commit to \$1,000 per year for 5 years (total of \$5,000) to the FIND program for Dr. Cross. James Maertens seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Directors Report:

- Next Community Coffee will be at First State Bank. The date was for August 17th but it was mentioned that is the same date as the Teacher's Breakfast. Dudley will touch base with them about changing date.
- After Hours is this Friday, August 4th at Country Kitchen.
- Dudley is participating in a Revitalization Committee for Stuart
- Dudley is participating in business visit with SEED and Midwest Partnership

Business Updates:

- Dr. Cross announced that Stuart Dental will now have appointments on Fridays.
- Congregate Meals is looking for volunteers to deliver meals
- Wagner announced that his class is being held tonight (Aug 1st), he plans to do additional classes.
- Country Kitchen now has a liquor license and will be selling beer and wine.
- Adair County Medical Clinic is taking Well Child/Sports Physical appointments
- Stuart Radio will be at Dexter this weekend

Community Reports:

SEED Update: Wayfinding signs should be up on August 13th.

Stuart Lions: Lonsdale reported that they are working on Scoop the Loop.

Midwest Partnership: None

White Pole Road: Poles are being painted.

Next meeting will be on September 5, 2018 at Noon at Country Kitchen.

Sloss motioned to adjourn. Penton 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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