

December 05, 2018 Chamber Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chamber President, Kristi Lonsdale, with 14 people attending. Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written. Motion to accept by Kristen, and was second by Karen.

Treasure's report was reviewed. Discussion regarding whether Menefee Tents from Good Egg Days had been paid or not; they are sending a new invoice to President Kristi. Motion by Loretta to approve and Karen second.

No Committee updates.

New Business: Officers meeting at noon Wed 12/12 at Country Kitchen.

Director's Report: Next Community Coffee will be held at Wright Pharmacy on Dec 21. The Thursday Night "After Hours" has been cancelled for the month of December. In order for every business/person to be able to take advantage of hosting either the Community Coffee or After Hours, sign up sheets will be coming for 2019. Right now, the plan is to do the After Hours quarterly since it has had low attendance. The last lunch & learn (Basics of facebook for small business) with Tiffany got great reviews. Chamber was approved for \$150 for guest speakers – allowing \$50 for each guest speaker in the future. Rudy Daniels has been requested to come back to Stuart; she's been working on the railroad, trains across Iowa and US Railroad operations during WWI. Sign has been fixed, running good and if anyone wants anything put on there, be sure and contact the Chamber. Elf on the Shelf is making his way around to businesses. Discussion regarding continuing to give the school teachers \$25 in Chamber Bucks for Christmas.

Business Updates: Lots of people and businesses taking advantage of the Saturday holiday movies at the theatre. Be sure and stop by one of the participating businesses to get your tickets for free holiday movie and popcorn. Small Business Saturday, everyone thought went quite well. Russ Wagner will be holding informative educational programs at the Clocktower Building on Tues, Dec 11 and Thursday, Dec 13 – both starting at 6pm. He intends to talk about Mutual Funds and 401K. Open house at the Stuart Motor Lodge Saturday Dec 8. This will give folks an opportunity to see the remodeled rooms; there also could be an interest in relatives/family/friends staying there over the holidays.

SEED: No updates

Lions Club: They have a tree from Red Maple and will be taking it to Pocket Park to decorate.

Midwest Partners: No updates

White Pole Road: Article written regarding Jim painting the poles.

Sarah's Caring is currently underway. They received 1,159 toys from Toys for Tots.

Next meeting will be January 2nd . Motion made by Jeff to adjourn the meeting, second by Amy.

Respectfully, Karen