

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Vice President Russ Wagner; 16 members and one guest (Tyler Mathews representing Pete Buttigieg campaign) attended. September minutes were reviewed. Cheryl Marks moved to approve; Ryan Morrison seconded the motion; motion carried. The Treasurer's report was presented by Cheryl Marks, showing \$14,442.80 available outside budgeted amounts. Ryan Morrison moved to approve; Kristy Lonsdale seconded the motion; motion carried.

Committee Update:

- Beautification - Please pull plants from planters this week.
- Marketing & Media Promotions – A grant application may be submitted to Empowering Adair County for funds to renovate the Lawbaugh Park sign.

Director's Update:

- Ribbon cutting at Nutty Girls is being planned.
- Interest expressed in starting "Thursday in the Park" with organizations sponsoring on a rotating basis. Comments: combine with Farmers Market? Hold downtown?
- Start Up in Stuart Available Building Tour was held September 19 with 12 buildings open. May host "Pop Up Business" opportunities on Small Business Saturday.
- After hours November 7 at Johnie's. Community Coffee October 18 at Stuart Family Dental.
- October 10 and October 30 Lunch&Learns are planned to follow up on Downtown Conference attended by Brenda and Ryan. Loretta moved that Chamber members' lunch be paid for; non-members can attend at their own cost. Karen Varley seconded; motion carried.
- Vinyl window clings are due to be re-ordered at cost of \$200. Suggestion made that no date be printed, so that it is not necessary to re-order each year.
- Mob Monday was proposed: members meet at a designated business once per month on a Monday and spend money to support the business.
- Business Blitz tentatively planned for October 14-15. May postpone to 2020.

Old/New Business:

- Copier purchased by Chamber, housed at Russ Wagner's office, needs drum and finisher replaced. Cheryl Marks moved that the copier be recycled; Warren Varley seconded the motion; motion carried. Chamber will pay pick-up fee. Karen Varley will contact the recyclers.
- Winter advertising promotion offered by Tom Walk was discussed. No motion was made.
- Trick or Treat will be October 31 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. downtown, 6 to 8 p.m. at residences.
- WCV Homecoming decorations are encouraged. Parade will be Friday, October 11 at 2 p.m.
- By-law changes were discussed extensively. Proposed revisions will be circulated. Motions made were as follows:
 - Cheryl Marks moved, and Warren Varley seconded, that the annual meeting be held on the third Thursday in February of each year. Motion carried. (Article III)
 - Warren Varley moved, and Russ Wagner seconded, that the office of Reporter be eliminated and that the Board be composed of the four officers and one additional director. Motion carried. (Article IV and Article V)
 - Warren Varley moved, and Ryan Morrison seconded, that dissolution may be approved by a simple majority of members. Motion carried. (Article VIII)
- Meat left from BBQ may be offered at a future event.
- Use of RAGBRAI committee funds for a wrap-up/celebration dinner for committee members and their guests was discussed.

Business Updates were abbreviated in the interests of time.

Reports: Midwest Partnership is organizing an Adair County economic development round table at the 5x80 Country club on October 17 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. on a motion by Ryan Morrison. The November 6 meeting will include election of 2020 officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Varley, Secretary