

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Kristy Lonsdale; 14 members attended. November minutes were reviewed. Russ Wagner moved to approve the minutes; Loretta Sloss seconded the motion; motion carried. The Treasurer's report was provided in writing (Treasurer not in attendance), showing \$10,405.57 available outside budgeted amounts. Ryan Morrison moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Haley Dudley seconded the motion; motion carried.

New member Tony Duremus introduced himself and was welcomed. He is one of the owners of the Shirt Shack at 101 NW Second Street, former location of Linden Street Sweets.

Committee Update:

- Beautification - Kristy Lonsdale and Loretta Sloss. The planters are in the process of being filled with holiday-themed greenery by Stuart Flowers & Gifts and look very nice. Some 2018 materials were re-used. In 2020, please pull liners and soil from planters in fall and take to Christy O'Brien so she can create the arrangements in her shop. Loretta will research liner sources as suggested by Mollie Jarvis.

Director's Update: Director absent; no report.

New Business:

- Annual banquet will be on February 20, 2020. Guests are welcome.
- Loretta Sloss moved to donate \$100 for goodie bags to be given away at the Stuart Community Christmas celebration on December 14. Jodi Bassett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Donation or other support of teachers may take place in spring rather than for Christmas.
- Lunch & Learn is scheduled for December 11 regarding the Main Street Iowa program.
- Lunch & Learn is scheduled for January 15 regarding Roberts Rules of Order.

Other Business/Old Business:

- Community Coffee will be December 20 at 7:00 a.m. at Town & Country Insurance.
- Loretta Sloss reported that this year's Small Business Saturday event was the most successful ever. Vendors and business owners were pleased. She thanked Sam McIntosh at Raccoon Valley Radio for extensive promotion of the event.
- Lawbaugh Park and the Pocket Park will each have a Christmas tree. Karen Varley moved to purchase one tree from Red Maple and include Christmas activities funding in the 2020 budget. Russ Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried. The other tree is purchased by the Stuart Lions Club.
- Storage space for Christmas decorations and other items was discussed. First State Bank has a storage shed which has been used by the Chamber but will soon be unavailable. Improved communication is encouraged.

Reports:

- Midwest Partnership is working on projects including EntreBash; strategic plans and leadership development; and workforce development with schools and businesses. There are openings on the Board of Directors. The annual meeting will be on January 23 at the Casey Community Building with Colleen Mullen Conrad as speaker.
- Adair County Tourism received a grant from the Empowering Adair County foundation to fund a photo kiosk which will feature local attractions and be rotated among public and commercial spaces in Adair County (and on the Guthrie County side of Stuart).

- Stuart Young Professionals are hosting a holiday trivia night at the Dexter Legion next week; see Facebook for details.
- Infrastructure is progressing for the All Saints Addition (City / SEED).
- Kyle Brondum has opened KB Welding in the former Jirak building on Front Street.
- Karl Chevrolet reported a record month in November. December will feature employee pricing and a one-price sale.
- Pastor Porter welcomed all to the Community Cantata on December 15 at the Stuart Mt-Vernon United Methodist Church.
- Pastor Porter reported on the presentation by Stuart Police Chief Dave Reha on security in churches and businesses. More events are being planned on this topic.
- Mollie Jarvis welcomed everyone to the open house at First State Bank, December 23-28.
- Karen Varley invited elf-seekers to stop in the Stuart Realty/Varley Law Office building.
- Russ Wagner reported that he will have news in January. His billboard on I-80 was noted.
- Ryan Morrison reported that Country Kitchen has holiday pies available to order; also a gift card promotion giving \$10 in CK bucks for a \$50 gift certificate purchase.
- Sam McIntosh noted that news slows down during the holidays and invited contributions.
- Tony Doremus reported that the Shirt Shack will be opening soon.
- Kristy Lonsdale reported that Christmas coloring books are being printed and distributed. Letters to Santa are welcome and will be printed in the Stuart Herald.

The next meeting will be on January 8, 2020. The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m. on a motion by Tony Doremus.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Varley, Secretary