

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by President Ryan Morrison with 16 present. February minutes were reviewed. Loretta Sloss moved to accept the minutes and approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Russ Wagner; motion carried.

President's Report: Ryan expressed his gratitude to the people involved in planning the successful February 20 annual meeting and dinner, attended by 33 people. He noted that Alan Feirer's presentation on "Communicating with Empathy" was well received.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was provided in writing and reviewed. Russ Wagner moved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Eric Tiernan; motion carried.

Kyle Brondum, principal of KB Welding & Repair, LLC, and new Chamber member, spoke about his business which is now open at 303 Front Street in Stuart.

The Director's Report was provided by Brenda Dudley. *Secretary's note: As of March 30, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, activities scheduled for March and early April have been canceled or postponed.*

- The next Community Coffee will be at Gus Auto on Friday, March 20, at 7:00 a.m.
- "Welcome to Stuart" event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1 at the public library.
- Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Lawbaugh Park.
- A Lunch and Learn is planned for Wednesday, April 15 at Guthrie County Clinic.
- Annual Bonnie & Clyde Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 18.
- Chamber Night at the Stuart Speedway is tentatively planned for Wednesday, May 6.
- Available building tour is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Stuart Revitalization Group is sponsoring a Wine Walk on Friday, June 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Youth group for June 26-27 will volunteer in a different community this year.
- A photo inventory of Chamber assets is underway.
- Casey's breakfast pizza may be donated for the teacher breakfast in August.

Karen Varley moved that up to \$300 be allocated for bags for the Easter Egg hunt. Motion seconded by Loretta Sloss; motion carried.

Committee Reports: Membership/Business Affairs reported that income for the dinner was \$825 and expenses so far are \$750. Also "The Egg" is in need of repair. Kyle Brondum may be able to assist.

Old Business: The visit to LeMars regarding the Main Street program is scheduled for April 24.

New Business:

- Winter decorations can be removed from the 19 planters and returned to Stuart Flower & Gift. Plans for the spring/summer decorations were discussed briefly.
- Haley Dudley moved to give Margaret Tiernan \$50 in Chamber Bucks for her help with non-profit paperwork. Russ Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried.

Open Forum:

- Representatives of community groups are encouraged to participate in creating an economic development plan.
- City-wide clean up will be Saturday, April 25.
- All Saints church is hosting a Healing Prayer Service on Sunday, March 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.

- Open Bible church will host a presentation on Pastor Porter's mission trip to Costa Rica on Sunday, March 22, at 2:30 p.m., and the community World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6, from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Young Professionals will meet Friday, March 6 for Bingo Night at Ruby's from 5 to 7 p.m.

Next meeting: April 1, 2020 at noon at Country Kitchen. Russ Wagner moved to adjourn the meeting Loretta Sloss seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Varley, Secretary