

## **May 1, 2019 Minutes - Stuart Chamber of Commerce**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Chamber President, Kristy Lonsdale, with 17 present.

- April 2019 minutes were reviewed. Tiffany Johnson moved to approve the April minutes as presented; Loretta Sloss seconded the motion; motion carried.
- The Treasurer's report was presented by Cheryl Marks, showing \$16,332.86 available outside budgeted amounts. Tiffany Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Kristen Renslow seconded the motion; motion carried.

Guests: None, but three representatives of Guthrie County Hospital & Clinics introduced themselves: Emily McColloch, Christy Rysly, and Becky Benton.

### Committee Update:

Beautification - Flowers have been ordered from Red Maple and will be dropped off for planting. Please clean out planters and return holiday bows. Evelyn Woodson will help with watering.

Good Egg Days – Next meeting is Wednesday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. No contract has been signed yet for the carnival. Some donations have been received toward the carnival. The treasurer noted competition for hotel/motel tax dollars. A group may offer a vendor booth at RAGBRAI, with proceeds to go to Good Egg Days. Tad Day needs more specifics for insurance coverage.

Membership – Ribbon-cutting at Heart of Iowa Mutual Insurance, May 15 at noon.

### Director's Update:

- Director Brenda Dudley was attending the Roger Brooks branding conference in Carroll, sponsored by the Western Iowa Tourism Region, so was unavailable to give a report.

### New Business:

- RAGBRAI committee needs more volunteers. Next meeting May 3 at 4:30 at Country Kitchen.

### Other Business / Old Business

- Community Coffee May 17 at 7:00 a.m. at Karl Chevrolet.
- After-Hours May 2 at 5:00 p.m. at Wagner Investment & Retirement Advisors.
- Easter Egg Hunt was a success on April 20.

### Business Updates:

- Adair County Memorial Health open house for Havens Building will be May 15, 4-6 p.m.
- Guthrie County Hospital & Clinics has new dermatologist; also, received fitness center funding from Guthrie County Community Foundation.

### Reports:

- SEED and Midwest Partnership are working with Chamber to coordinate an "empty building tour" of Stuart, to spark business development.
- Stuart Revitalization Group – Plans are underway for wine walk in June and BBQ contest in fall.
- Ministerial Association is working on community garden near BEACAM apartments.
- Stuart Young Professionals group had 22 persons at their first meeting, at Stuart Bowl; thanks to Terry Harrison for hosting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. on a motion by "Jeff" (Loretta).

Respectfully submitted, Karen Varley