

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by President Kristy Lonsdale; 12 present, no guests. August 2019 minutes were reviewed. Russ Wagner moved to approve the August minutes as presented; Karen Penton seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Cheryl Marks, showing \$19,876.63 available outside budgeted amounts. A new account has been opened at Rolling Hills Bank & Trust to handle sesquicentennial funds. Ryan Morrison moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Haley Lincoln seconded the motion; motion carried.

Committee Update:

- Beautification - Please remember to water the plants in planters, and do not pull the plants out until instructed. Plans are underway for fall and holiday decorations.
- Sesquicentennial – September 3 meeting was attended by 31 people. Involvement was encouraged. A pie auction fundraiser will be part of the BBQ on Sept. 21.

Director's Update:

- Richter & Son Towing is hosting a ribbon cutting and lunch on September 11 from 11 to 1 p.m. at 3270 White Pole Road. Please share the invitation broadly as all are welcome.
- A sample welcome packets for new residents was displayed.
- The IEDA's Iowa Downtown Conference in Dubuque on August 27-29 was worthwhile. A lunch-and-learn may be offered to share information.
- Members are asked to help Brenda develop a list of benefits of belonging to the Chamber.
- The teacher breakfast on August 22 was a success.
- Sandwich boards have arrived.
- The available-building tour will be on September 19.
- The next Community Coffee will be on September 20 at Rolling Hills Bank & Trust.
- The next Chamber After-Hours will be on November 7 at 5 p.m. at Johnie's.

Old/New Business:

- Cheryl Marks moved to adopt a banking resolution which provides that either the Chamber Executive Director or Jodi Sackett can sign checks on behalf of the Stuart Buying Group. Ryan Morrison seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bylaws were reviewed and discussed with respect to voting privileges, membership classifications, officers and directors. Current bylaws will be circulated to the membership for review and comment. Further discussion will take place at the October 2 meeting and proposed revisions will be circulated by October 4 for vote at the November 6 meeting.
- Jodi Bassett moved that minutes of monthly meetings be submitted to the Stuart Herald for publication. The motion died for lack of a second.

Business Updates were provided. Possible engagement of the business community in WCV Homecoming activities was discussed.

Reports:

- Lions Club: will serve food at Scoop the Loop on September 7; are making holiday plans.
- Stuart Revitalization Group: 11 to 13 teams will participate in the Best of the Block BBQ contest on September 20-21. Detailed agendas were distributed.

- Adair County Tourism: Iowa Aviation Museum hosted its semi-annual fly-in breakfast on August 25.
- Stuart Young Professionals group held a fishing tournament at Beaver Lake on August 24. A volleyball tournament will be held this weekend.
- Sarah's Holiday Caring is accepting donations of clean clothing and toys in good condition, as well as monetary donations to the account at First State Bank. Items for teens are particularly welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. on a motion by Russ ("Jeff") Wagner.

The next meeting will be on October 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Varley, Secretary