Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes

August 5th, 2020, Regular Monthly Meeting

Cut Bank Chamber Office/Zoom Meeting, Noon

**Directors Present:** Nate Kavanagh, Don Grubb, Rhonda Grainger, Jessica Hedges, JR Myers, Amber Simonds

Executive Director: Stephanie Eney, acting ED

**Directors Absent:** Bryan Simons, Kristi Rowell, Jennika Sammons (excused), Tim Kipp

**Bookkeeper:** Todd Eney (Not Present)

**Regular Business:** Stephanie called meeting to order. Nate made the motion to accept minutes as presented; Rhonda 2nd, motion carried, no discussion.

Financials: Nate had a question as to where we were sitting; Stephanie said she knows we had a deposit from a grant, but was unsure of specifics. Jessica made a motion to approve financials, Rhonda 2nd, motion carried, no discussion.

**Old Business:**

**Business Improvement Awards:** We have had a good response from the businesses. they are super appreciative. we need to make this more of a habit and more often. Because we can't do business appreciation days bbq, maybe run a small ad for a special they might want to run? We will reach out to our businesses and see what they think.

**Citizen of the Year/Business of the Year:** Could we do a virtual presentation with a small gathering with distinguished guests. Possibly at First Interstate Bank? It is possible to do after hours. Maybe have people send in video, make a montage and show at the gathering? Possibly go live for friends and family? We are choosing to move forward with this plan and will follow up.

**New Business:**

**Holiday Bazaar:** So far, we are planning on moving forward. We can pick up keys. Going full force, November 7th. We are not cashing checks at this time; holding to make sure we don't cancel. We did vote to keep chamber memberships and extend it into the follwing year, as a special thank you if this year does cancel.

**Visitor Center Information Specialist Position:** Need 1 person to fill in. Kathy Vermulm is good for the 17th to the 21st, but then school starts the next Wednesday. Glacier County Tourism Grant gave us some wiggle room on date through Labor Day. We voted on closing the 24th; Motion to close made by JR, 2nd by Don; none opposed motion.

**Nominating Committee Appointments:** Executive Director Position was brought up. We have had 1 applicant from a non-community member; would like to keep it local. Position closes September 15th. It is posted at the job service and on our FB page...share, share, share!

Our Board of Directors for 2021 will need 3 people to join in terms of having 5 people on the committee. Kristi, Stephanie, Bryan are up for their 1st term and Don is done, done. :( Nate, JR, Rhonda, Amber and Stephanie will meet to discuss people and ideas for recruiting possibilities.

**Public Drug and Billman's:** Jeff had texted in regards to renting the space for seasonal Christmas store October-January on church side. Great idea; will follow-up.

**First Baptist Church Lease Termination**: Church paid $500/month, paid $100/mo for extra storage; is that still a possibility with their moving out?

**Reminders:**

September Board Meeting Wednesday September 9th, 2020 12-1

Holiday Bazaar November 7th

Let's put the Parade of lights and Festival of Trees on agenda for next month.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda Grainger

Secretary/Director