

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
Feb. 4, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting
Cut Bank Chamber Office – Noon

Directors Present: Jeff Billman, Calcie DeZort, Adrienne Fritz, Gail Hofstad, Pete Hetherington, Steven Hjartarson, LeAnne Kavanagh, Juanita Meeks, Sissy Nygaard, Pat Murphy.

Executive Director: Amy Overstreet

Directors Absent: Jeff Billman (Excused)

Guests Attending: City Councilman Don Grubb and Keelie Montalban of Glacier Electric Cooperative.

Regular Business:

The meeting was called to order by Secretary LeAnne Kavanagh to get the meeting started and then Vice President Steven Hjartarson took over upon his arrival. The minutes from the Jan. 14 annual meeting were presented for approval. Pat moved to accept the minutes as emailed and Calcie seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved as emailed.

The financial reports from January 2015 were reviewed. See attached.

Balances were reported as follows: \$16,160.64 Chamber Checking Account; \$12,828.17 Economic Development Checking Account; \$7,418.99 Buckle Account; Lewis and Clark Committee-\$ 7,402.96 (checking) and \$11,187.78 (money market).

Gail moved the financial report be accepted with Adrienne seconding the motion and all voting in favor of the motion.

Committee updates:

Economic Development- Amy said the committee is in a holding pattern until word is received, most likely in May, on the Brownsfield Grant for the eradication of contaminants in the Public Drug building.

Membership-To date, 144 members have paid their 2015 dues and there are 52 non-renewals, which includes former members from 2012-2014. LeAnne passed out a list of non-renewals and asked board members to make personal visits or calls to help speed up the renewal process and also urged board members to continue to more individual memberships to reach the 200-member goal in 2015.

Banquet/Profit Designation-Amy informed the board Gov. Steve Bullock is not interested in being a speaker due to his schedule with the ongoing legislative session. Amy will pursue trying to get the writer and/or director from the *Cut Bank* movie to come. She has left a message with the Crawford Brothers band to check on their availability this spring and added the committee is leaning toward a Western-themed banquet with a pitchfork fondue menu. No profit designation for the banquet proceeds was decided at this time, but one possible idea included helping fund the purchase of defibrillators for the city buildings and golf course. Amy also said she will be promoting a photo contest for the community and using the “top 10” pictures for postcards to decorate the tables at the banquet.

Lewis and Clark Festival-Sissy reported the dates for this year’s festival are July 23-26 and it will be held in conjunction with 2015 CBHS All Class Reunion. New events include a half-marathon and full marathon on Sunday, organized by Toni Altenburg and Darin Wynn. The Bop-a-Dips will be the entertainment Saturday night, paid for by CBEFAA, and negotiations are underway about the beer and liquor proceeds and how they will be divided. The next meeting of the committee is Feb. 11 at noon in the Chamber office.

Old Business:

2014 Financial Review-Sissy reported Elaine Mitchell of Utterback Accounting has completed the 2014 Financial Review of the Chamber and the report reflected no concerns or dis-

crepancies. The board, on a motion by Steven and second by Juanita, voted to give Elaine \$250 in Chamber gift certificates in appreciation for her services.

New Business:

Steven announced recently elected board member Neil McCormick resigned his directorship due to a new job opportunity. Pat moved to accept the resignation, which was seconded by Calcie, and approved by the board. Juanita moved to appoint Matt Waller to the vacancy, which was seconded by Gail. Jeff has spoken with Matt, who was the next highest vote getter on the ballot, and he was excited to serve. The motion passed unanimously and Amy will get a “welcome packet” to Matt.

Sissy presented a plan to deal with the accounting and paying out of gift certificate payments to merchants more efficiently. Amy, Linda Bruch and the four officers will serve as signers on a new checking account, which will be used strictly for the gift certificate program. Sissy made the motion to establish the checking account, with the above listed as signers, and the beginning balance to be the amount of the unredeemed certificates dating back to Jan. 1, 2013. LeAnne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sissy presented the budget to the board, and following some discussion and clarification on how to incorporate the anticipated Brownsfield Grant and renovations, Juanita made a motion to approve the budget and Steven seconded the motion. Prior to the vote, LeAnne extended her thanks to Sissy for work on the budget and the director-friendly manner in which it was presented. She reminded the board in past years, it has usually taken more than one meeting to review, review and adopt the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

LeAnne led some discussion on the need for updating/revising of bylaws but suggested she and Amy prepare the needed revisions and propose them at the next meeting since some board members didn't have the chance to review the existing bylaws prior to the meeting. Amy will email out bylaws and the areas LeAnne has already earmarked as in need of change/updating.

Reminders:

The next Chamber up will be Feb. 10 at Frontline-Ag. March's Chamber Up is scheduled for American Title Company and April Chamber Up may be hosted by the Hi-Line Relay for Life Committee.

Amy announced she would be on vacation from Feb. 21-28.

LeAnne updated the board on the possible restricting of the Glacier County Regional Port Authority.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

LeAnne Kavanagh
Secretary/Director