

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
May 6th, 2020, Regular Monthly Meeting
Cut Bank Chamber Zoom Meeting, Noon

Directors Present: Nate Kavanagh, Stephanie Eney, Don Grubb, Amber Simonds, Rhonda Grainger, Jessica Hedges, Jenika Sammons
Executive Director: Erin Kittson
Directors Absent: Bryan Simons, Kristi Rowell, JR Myers, Tim Kipp
Bookkeeper: Todd Eney (Not Present)

Regular Business: Stephanie called meeting to order.

Don made the motion to accept minutes as presented; Nate seconded, motion carried, no discussion.

Financials: Erin said there wasn't a lot of activity in the accounts since we aren't needing to spend. the Chamber did get \$3500.00 from the city for the visitor center which will provide a good cushion, but that will show in May financials. Economic Development account continued to grow with rent payments and few expenses. Erin was recently approved for unemployment which will help with payroll costs. Nate made a motion to approve, Jessica seconded, motion carried and no discussion.

Old Business:

Final Membership Drive Update: Had a few sign up but we still need to call people and see if we can get a few more. We have been selling a lot of Chamber Bucks; school purchased 7500, Glacier Electric 800 for their employee appreciation. Polka Dot Creamery became a member; looking to be set up by the end of the month. Ribbon cutting ceremony at the city park in June.

Virtual raffle: Doing a BOGO entry starting May 7th thru May 10th; not selling past May 20th.

Stephanie will help Erin with the online drawing at the Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Office.

Printing actual raffle tickets came up, we all agree it is a great idea; she will get some to us. We all need to text or email 10 friends; sell,sell,sell :) Share the link to all.

New Business:

Golf Tournament: Nothing yet, unfortunately; need to wait this out and see what happens. Golf course is open; clubhouse for food to go; drinks. Consider postponing tournament until September? All in agreement; postponed until September.

Business Appreciation Days: Scheduled for August 5th-8th to match Shakespeare in the Park, which was cancelled for this year. Wondering do we cancel? We have 1 Chamber Up scheduled in August. Shakespeare in the Park will refund monies; we vote for the refund and possibly use the refund money for Business Appreciation Days? We will play it by ear and revisit in the future.

Lewis and Clark Festival: We need to be past Phase 1, so it is still unknown. The All-Class Reunion has been cancelled. We will have to take another look at it as this unfolds.

Holiday Bazaar Update: We do have the school reserved for November 7th. We have applied for the grant that has always been helpful, but it is on hold, so we continue our pattern and will follow up as we can.

It Fits Renewal: Looking at our options for purchase vs continuing to rent. Rent is \$400.00/month, she pays utilities. We do have an old appraisal from 2011. Questions that came up were do we own it outright? It is believed to have been gifted to the Chamber. Are we looking at selling it as is? We need

to make sure we don't owe any property taxes on it. Jessica thinks it would be in our best interest to look at selling it. It was also asked when we last raised the lease? Is that a possibility?

VIC COVID guidelines: Erin is still waiting on guidelines; then we can set our hours. To be able to receive the Tourism Grant, we have to be open 750 hours. We have a yes from Lily Overstreet and Kari Hinkle, haven't heard back from Kourtney Anderson. We do have the new sign and will be looking at getting it up.

Reminders:

Visitor's Center Opens May 25th

Next meeting June 5th, 12-1 Chamber Office

With no further minutes, the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda Grainger
Secretary/Director