

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
Tuesday, November 15, 2022, Regular Monthly Meeting
Cut Bank Chamber Office, 5:30 p.m.

Directors Present: Rachel Dosch, Jenika Sammons, Stephanie Eney, Nate Kavanagh

Visitors Present: NA

Executive Director: NA

Directors Absent: Rhonda Grainger

Regular Business:

Approval of October 2022 meeting minutes: Nate made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the correction of her name spelling. Stephanie seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of October 2022 financials: After reviewing the financials, Stephanie made a motion to approve October financial reports, Jenika seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Business Improvement Awards: The Cut Bank Creek Brewery will be the next recipient of the award, Stephanie will make the certificate to be awarded.

Holiday Bazaar Recap: Overall, the Bazaar was profitable and saw more than 800 visitors pass through the admission gate this year. The concession stand was not a big money maker, but Stephanie reported that the Freshman class who worked it was extremely hard workers and even helped vendors pack up and helped us clean up. .

Hi-Line Arts Grant: Nate is still waiting to hear from the artist who created the sculptures meant for the parking lot that was to be created when the Mercantile building was demolished. Once he hears back from the artist, we can begin planning for installment of the sculptures elsewhere.

Nominating Committee: The Board discussed possible Board of Directors to fill vacancies for the coming year. Stephanie proposed appointing Heather Nunn of Logan Health - Cut Bank and Nate proposed appointing Jim Woodring of Stockman Bank. After favorable discussion, both were appointed to fulfill terms on the Board and will be invited to the December meeting. We still have vacancies to fill and will make contact with more people and propose appointments at the next meeting.

Membership Drive: It was decided that membership levels and information needs to be adjusted based on our changing event and sponsorship needs. Stephanie will send out the current membership letter and we will work on making appropriate adjustments so it fits with our needs in 2023. The goal is to send letters out in January 2023.

Parade of Lights: All things are in place to put on the parade and host a social afterward. Stephanie and Rachel have taken the lead to ensure the parade and social afterward at the

Civic Center can happen. Nate will recruit 3-4 National Honor Society students to help serve at the social.

Shop Cut Bank: Nate will get boxes and slips out to businesses to participate through the end of November and until December 21.

New Business:

Approve Donation to Freshman Class for Bazaar Help: We were very happy with the help provided by the CBHS Freshman class. They earned about \$260 in tips at the event and we would like them to walk away from the event with \$1,000 to put toward their class funds. Jenika made a motion to donate \$750 to the Freshman class for their efforts at the Bazaar, Stephanie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Accept Board Member Resignations: Larry Scwhindt and Kacie Fey both submitted emailed letters of resignation the week of the meeting. Stephanie made a motion to accept their resignations, Nate seconded and the motion carried.

Approve Spending for Supplies: Stephanie brought up the need to purchase updated equipment for the Chamber, especially if we hire an administrative assistant or executive director. The age of the Chamber cell also was brought up since it is the source for wifi at the visitor center in the summer. Stephanie made a motion to approve spending of up to \$2,000 to purchase a printer, computer, and look into upgrading the cell phone. Nate seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Visitor Comments and Questions:

None