

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce

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Minutes

5:30 pm on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – Chamber Board Room

Directors Present

Stephanie Eney, Rachel Dosch, Jenika Sammons, Jim Woodring and Heather Nunn

Guest Present: Brandy Heagy

Regular Business:

Approval of May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Approved: Rachel Dosch Second: Jim Woodring

Approval of May 2023 Financial Report

Approved: Heather Nunn Second: Jenika Sammons

Old Business:

- **Business Improvement Awards**

Heather will present to Market Place on Main. It was discussed to open this to non-members of the Chamber. The Messy Apron will be awarded next month.

- **2023 Banquet Recap**

Net of \$200, however the Logan check just arrived and that may not be included yet. The cost of food and low attendance greatly impacted profit. Will discuss moving date for next year's banquet.

- **Visitor Center**

Adam and Angie will work this summer. We received the \$8000 grant from the state and was able to increase the pay to \$15. If the visitors center is open all normal hours, we will be able to exhaust the entire grant funds. A request was sent to the city for additional funds and sending a letter to the county was discussed as well. Stephanie will draft a letter. Jenika to reach out to Brent to discuss fixing sprinklers which is where the leak is located. Perhaps speak to Rod Cline as well.

- **Board of Directors**

Brandy Heagy was present and voted in as a new director. Motion was made by Rachel Dosch and seconded by Heather Nunn.

An invitation was sent to Lisa at the Pioneer and no response was received. No response was received from Rachels contacts either.

New Business:

- **Shakespeare in the Park/ Business Appreciation Days**

Form as been completed and sent. We will need to have payment of \$1620.00 at the time of the event. It was discussed only holding the BBQ in two locations this year. Moved to motion by Jim and seconded by Rachel that we will only be doing Business Appreciation Days in Cut Bank this year and it is scheduled to be done during Shakespeare in the Parks and we have invited Shane from Shelby to the July meeting to discuss hosting in Shelby for the second location.

- **Hi-Line Grant**

Kim Winchell has asked to place art at City Hall, but it has not been completed. Stephanie will reach out again. There was \$3500 remaining in the art fund, and it was agreed to move this money into the rebranding project if saw fit to do so as the project progresses.

- **Executive Director**

Two interviews were done. An offer will be made to Lori Merchant for \$18 per hour with a re-evaluation in 6 months. Possible bonus option from the Chamber Bucks project. First order of business if offer is accepted is to organize and complete "Thank you" baskets for our members.

- **Member Monday**

Rachel would like to put this program into place via social media. This can be used as advertisement for businesses. A survey or questionnaire will be written and placed with the thank you baskets.

Reminders:

Lewis and Clark Festival – July 27-30

Shakespeare in the Parks – August 24, 2023

Holiday Bazaar – November – November 4, 2023

Parade of Lights – TBD

Beef and Bid - TBD

Visitors:

Comments and / or concerns from visitors

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 12th @5:30pm