

## Milford Commercial Club Minutes

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 | Catered by: Perkins

### Board Members present:

Dawn Powell, Corey Langner, Chris Hinshaw, Kevin Wharton, Jeremy Morrison

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Nick Origer, Russ Mitchell, Char Kremmin, Warren Jager, Jan Turner, Mary Dannatt, Jody Stoll, Don Lamb, Matt Skaret

Meeting was called by Dawn Powell at noon.

Introduction of members present

**Secretary's Report:** Was emailed out. Matt Skaret made a motion to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Mitchell; Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Corey. Char made a motion to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick; Passed

**Chamber of Commerce Report:** Nobody present who was at the meeting.

### Regular Business:

Business After 5: Went well. Not as well attended as the previous year. Everyone agreed to do it next year. Talked about the date and it was said to leave it on the same week or possibly have it later in the summer/fall.

Networking Coffee: Encourage everyone to show up and bring a friend. September 18<sup>th</sup> @ Creative Photography and October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Landmark Products Dough Plant. Event is at 9:30 on the first and third Tuesday's of each month. Support our local businesses by showing up if you can!

Holiday Fantasy: Looked for Volunteers to help. The date will be Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Need a co-chair for the event along with volunteers. Contact us today for a list of ways that you can help!

Pioneer Days: Final wrap up. Overall we ended up with just under \$3000 profit. The Pioneer Days committee decided to donate the money back to these groups. \$1000 to the Park Board for a future disc golf course, \$1000 to the Back Pack Program, \$500 to the Campus Woman's group for their secret Santa program this winter, \$250 to the Girl Scout troop 309, \$250 to Okoboji Youth Football and Okoboji Youth Cheerleaders. For any information as to why the Pioneer Days committees chose the groups they did please contact us.

Okoboji Tailgating: We decided to do the tailgate for the football game on Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be serving Taco in a bag, cookie, and drink for \$5. If you would like to help please contact Dawn Powell. We will be serving from 5:30 to 7 by the concession stand at the game.

Jack Rees's Painting: Agreed that we charge \$5.00 per Raffle or 5 for \$20.00. The Drawing will be held at Holiday Fantasy. We will be moving the painting around to be displayed at businesses and sell tickets. IAlso a Brochure is being put together by Gary and partially funded by the 4 banks which will showcase the school, suggested this might be something good for a donation. If you would like to host the painting in your business and/or sell raffle tickets for the painting please contact us immediately.

Open Position on the Executive Team: Corey Langer's term is coming to an end at the end of this year. Corey has been the treasurer. The current Executive Team members have agreed to shuffle around positions if the new member doesn't want to be the tresurer. If you are interested in being a part of the Executive Team or know someone who would be a great fit on the Executive Team please let us know.

Downtown Renovations: Matt Skarat talked about the continuing improvement of the Milford Downtown. The city is currently getting the building inspected and going through all the motions to be able to tear down the building that stands between the True Value and 3 Little Birds. Eventual hopes for that space would be a nicely landscaped walkway with benches and picnic tables to be a great way to get from behind the buildings to the storefronts and

vice-versa. Plans are also in the works to possibly pave some of the gravel lot behind the buildings on the east side of the road to improve parking downtown. Possibility of businesses relocating or locating in the parking area and some green space are also being considered.

Other Announcements: It was briefly discussed about the downtown movie theater needing to move to digital and the high cost of doing so. There is concern about losing the movie theatre when Hollywood makes everyone go to digital. Executive Team member Jeremy Morrison has been named Co-Chair of the University of Okoboji Winter Games.

**Adjourn:** Corey Langner made the motion, Chris Hinshaw seconded.