

Milford Commercial Club Minutes

August 9th, 2012 | Catered by: Godfathers

Board Members present:

Dawn Powell, Corey Langner

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Bobbi Schmeling, Patti Youll, Susan Schoning, Russ Mitchell, Tom Arends, Mary Dannatt, Gary Janssen, Jody Stoll, Virgil Wahlman, Don Lamb, Matt Skaret

Meeting was called by Dawn Powell at noon.

Introduction of members present

Secretary's Report: Was emailed out. Mary Dannatt made a motion to approve and 2nd by Russ Mitchell; Passed

Treasurer's Report: Given by Corey. Susan made a motion to approve and 2nd by Bobbi; Passed

Chamber of Commerce Report: They have more electricity in the green space now. They gave \$35,000 to Easter Seals from Walleye Weekend.

Regular Business:

Business After 5: Our Business After 5 event is on August 14th from 5-7. Gave update, We will do the Question Game to encourage networking. Volunteers to be at Florence Park at 4 to help setup.

Networking Coffee: Encourage everyone to show up and bring a friend. August 21st @ Rodeway Inn and September 4th at Cherish Center. Support our local businesses by showing up if you can!

Website: There was a survey sent out to members to improve their listing on the website to make sure we have the most current information on it. We invite all businesses to take a look at their directory listing and make sure all the information is correct and as completely filled out as possible. We would also like it if every member business could send us their logo (264px x 264px) to put in there as well. Please send updates, additions, and logos/pictures to milfordcommercialclub@gmail.com. The updates from the members who have sent the logo and the updated information will be seen soon online.

Holiday Fantasy: Looked for Volunteers to help. Thinking the date will be Saturday, December 1st. Talked about things we had done in the past and explained what we have currently been doing.

Pioneer Days: Everything went well given that it rained on our parade! Over all it looks like we will have a \$1,600 loss. However we did take in Sponsorships for the shirts which will make it so we have a profit and we will be able to donate to some area youth organizations. Suggestions were: Parks Department, Girl Scouts, and Cheerleading. The Committee will meet to make the final decision.

Mary said she will not be doing anything with Pioneer Days next year, we thanked her and appreciate everything she has done.

Dawn asked for questions/comments on how we can make Pioneer Day's better next year: It was brought up that Nick Jones & Chris Eilers wants a Motorcycle Ride/Rally. Campus Women's Club will do the Carnival next year & NW Bank will do the Hay again next year.

The unofficial word is that Dawn and Chris will Co-host Pioneer Days next year and they plan to go visit with area towns to see what they do for their town celebrations. Specifically mentioned was Algona where the City puts on the Town Celebration and they draw about 3,000 people for the Band/Beer Garden.

Matt mentioned that although the town does help with Pioneer Days, maybe they should/would be willing to do more. Dawn said that we would like to meet with the City at the start of the year with a wish list about working together more, which Matt said would be fine.

Okoboji Tailgating: We will do one Football, one Volleyball and one Basketball. Available Dates for Football are Tailgating...Sept. 21 we play South O'Brien....Oct. 12 we play HW Christian. I assume HWC will bring a larger crowd than SO, even though it will probably be colder being later in the year. We need to decide which dates to pick.

Jack Rees's Painting: Agreed to have the Exec Committee decided how to go forward with the Raffle and where the money should go. Was suggested that we charge \$5.00 per Raffle or 3 for \$10.00. Also suggested that we move it around and possibly encourage the school to have the students give out some Art to be displayed at businesses. Ideas for donation were: The Needy Family Fund, The State and National Fund, Debate and Speech. Also 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.

Adjourn: Tom Arends made the motion, Sue seconded.