

Milford Commercial Club Minutes
February 9, 2017/ Catered by Boji Junction

Board Members Present:

Chris Hinshaw, Rachel Sirola, Brenda Harmon

Members Present: Nick Egdorf, Dawn Powell, Georgia Sheley, Char Kremmin, Marisa Sidles, Jamie Hicks, Jennifer Youngwirth, Kari Karnes, Kara Matheson, LeAnn Houge, Ashley Hodgell

Meeting was called by Chris at 12:05

Secretary 1st – Char K, 2nd by Marisa S. Passed

Treasurer's Report: was tabled via Chris because we just switched Treasurers and we are having an Audit done of the account.

Chamber report: The Winter Games went well the weather was wonderful for the outcome and most hotels were at 100% occupancy. Their next events are Walleye Weekend, May 6th and the Boji Bike Rally on August 18-20.

Other Reports:

1. Winter Games- Pancake Feed. Not all the expenses are in but the numbers were down from last year. The parking lot was full the whole time but it was hard to tell if they were at the Pancake feed or the Vendor Show in the MS Gym.
2. New Exec Members: Chris and Brenda. We have switched around the positions a little bit. Chris will still be President, Brenda is 1st Vice President, Jack is 2nd Vice President, Susan is Secretary and Rachel is Treasurer.
3. Pioneer Days/Quasiquicentennial Celebration 2017- Carrie Funk is the Chair Person for the event and since she wasn't at the meeting Dawn did talk briefly that the committees are still meeting to get everything put together. We are looking to finish scheduling events. Dawn had worked on a brochure that we could use to display all the events, it is a first draft and was passed around. We will be looking to start getting volunteers signed up to help in the next month or two along with asking for Donations/Sponsors for events. When that letter is ready Dawn will get that out to everyone. We do have a meeting coming up but Dawn couldn't remember the date so we will email out a reminder. Rachel touched on the Band, everything is set for that.
4. Members- Current 2017 membership is at 67 members. Dawn will continue to talk to previous members to see if they will consider re-joining. If you hear of a new business in town or that might want to join, please let her know. Brenda brought up the welcoming of new members- She believes that we should only welcome new businesses after they join MCC and not give every business that moves to town a plaque. Jamie thinks it is a good idea. Brenda made a motion that we welcome a business with a plaque and a picture in the paper only after they join. Rachel 2nd motion and Motion passed. Dawn will reach out to new businesses, provide them with a brochure and talk to them about MCC.
5. Doggie Easter Egg Hunt- Dawn has reached out to Amanda from KUOO who helped with the Doggie Easter Egg Hunt last year, she has agreed to help the next few weeks but will not be able to help for the actual event. Dawn reached out to Boji Bark to see if they would like to be involved with the event, the owner was not there but the owner of Arnold's Barkery was there and she had some good ideas and suggested she would be willing to provide the treats for the event. She suggested that we consider having the event at the new Dog Park in S.L and suggested we have it on Sunday, April 9th at 1PM. The group discussed it and Chris made a motion that we need to keep the event in Milford, so we will have it at Memorial Park on Sunday, April 9th at 1PM. Nick 2nd motion and motion passed. Dawn will pass that information to everyone and see if the above listed businesses are still interested in helping. We may need to get more eggs this year and there may be some expenses. It was suggested we could reach out to see if anyone wants to help with the event. We will also reach out to Pampered Pet Salon to see if they would like to help.
6. Spring/Fall Planters- Discussion was lengthy about the Spring/Fall Planters, talking about what we have done in the past and what we have currently been doing. Dawn went around and talked to several business owners that have planters outside of their business to see if they would be willing to take over the planters which means planting and maintaining them. Half said No, there is no way they would be interested in doing that, they would help water but that is about it. Half said they would do whatever the majority wants. Disadvantages brought up about letting everyone plant whatever they would is that none of the planters will look the same and with this year being our 125th town celebration year it will be a great year to have everything look the same and great. This discussion got brought up primarily because this year Lynnette had went around and put gourds/pumpkins in the planters in between the seasons which is fine but she went around and asked businesses to donate toward them and said the money would go toward the 125th town celebration & not every business was happy about this, indicating they would take care of the planter themselves if they had to pay. Brenda asked if the money Lynnette raised from the planters have been deposited yet into our account like she said it would be. Chris indicated that it has not been yet, but it will be. They are looking to open another account specifically for the All School Reunion and they will use this money to start that account with Farmer's Savings Bank where Brad has agreed to help with the event, tracking the money. After much discussion a motion was made by Char that we go to Cottage Gardens and Lynnette's Flowers with a proposal of what we want in the planters for Spring/Winter and have gourds/pumpkins put in between and we will agree to spend no more than \$2,500 for them to plant and maintain the planters for a year. We will alternate years asking each business 1st if they are willing to do it. We will ask Cottage Gardens this year since Lynnette has had the bid the last 2 years. A 2nd motion was made by Brenda and the motion Passed. Chris said he will talk to both Cottage Gardens and Lynnette's Flowers and let them know the decision of MCC

Adjourn Georgia 1st LeAnn 2nd

Next meeting is March 9th.