

Milford Commercial Club

2019 Highlights

2019 got started with a catered dinner from HyVee at the Community building with about 30 people in attendance. After a social time, two positions were open on the board. Beth Henson was on the ballot to remain on the board and two names were submitted that evening: Lynnette Cook and Susan Reiser. Susan and Beth collected the most votes to round out the board for 2019.

At the February meeting, the Winter Games pancake breakfast was discussed. The club chose a split of 90/10 for the boy Scouts who do all the work and serving at the event. Roger Devries from Cottage Gardens is up to do the planters at a cost of \$2500 to the club. The doggie Easter egg hunt was approved for April 13 and the group voted to donate \$100 to Campus Women for their Easter egg hunt. Bobbi would appreciate a committee for business welcoming and a committee was formed for the scholarship given by MCC. It was decided to allow (2) \$500 scholarships in 2019. A signup sheet went around for Pioneer Days as much help is needed for this event.

In March, the Pioneer Day sign-up went around again as they were meeting soon. The Scholarship committee updated the application used by the students. The board wished to put together a master calendar of major events. Millstone project was updated by Jill Harms. The project received support and grants and they were still taking items for the time capsules. The structure was planned to be done by Pioneer Day weekend. Roger Devries suggested that the planters not be so scattered around the town.

April was pretty quiet. The Chamber was seeking logo suggestions for Winter Games 2020 and a schedule of events for Pioneer Days was being finalized. A summer evening mixer for MCC members was planned for June 5th at Florence Park. The MCC building has a new roof. Next will be new siding and sign.

In May, we learned Walleye weekend was a success, but no big fish caught. Smart Siding was selected for the MCC building over normal vinyl siding. Bids are coming in for Florence Park with Alex Jones as the builder. Hotel/Motel tax monies will be used but additional monies will be sought. Millstone dedication is a go for Pioneer Day weekend.

In June, Pioneer Days was updated, and the dedication will be prior to the parade. The club has 110 members to date. Scholarships went to Melodee and Shay Roberts.

The July meeting was the 11th, so things were still being updated. The Chamber's new location had an open house and volunteers were requested to help block roads for the Pioneer Day parade. A dark gray color was selected for the color of the siding for the building and to go ahead with the garage door replacement.

In August, Chamber report was about their golf tournament and Oktoberfest for Sept. 28. Annual meeting to be Nov. 4. Pioneer Days was discussed, and it was mentioned to get more

events to Buchanan Park. A sign-up sheet went around for Holiday Fantasy as they are having their first meeting this month. It was decided to host the teacher welcome with the Kiwanis as a cost split of 50/50. It will be held on Aug 22. Downtown trick or treating plans are underway. Bobbi usually hosts a costume contest through pictures. Pumpkins will be given to participating businesses.

At the September meeting, it was decided to be a member of the Okoboji Boosters. LeAnn said that they would not be doing the haunted hallway as they do not have the time. The group decided to acknowledge a member misfortune with a card only. Abby will spearhead that. Discussion was held on the publications we have been in. Earlier discussion and vote was to do no ad in either. Now with a rescind in a motion from Jack, it has been decided to place a small ad in Vacation Okoboji for \$720. Planters came up again. The planters were not watered when they should have been and did not fare well. If a business sees the planter by them looking badly, please water it. Keeping Milford looking good is everyone's job.

By October, the figures were in for Pioneer Days and we came out on the plus side. Holiday Fantasy posters and raffle tickets will be out by Nov. 1 with press releases going out throughout November. The date of Jan 13 has been chosen for the annual meeting at a place to be determined. Beth Henson will decorate the Hallway at city hall for Halloween.

November's meeting opened with Winter games discussion. Dates are Jan 23-26. MCC will again sponsor the pancake breakfast put on by the Boy Scouts. Last year's income was \$2023 with expense of \$800. The feed will be from 7:30am-11am at a cost of \$6 per person. Holiday Fantasy plans in final stages and a request for help to set up was passed around. Storage shed has been remodeled but a new sign is needed. A simple sign with logo only will be sought. There was excellent participation for trick or treating. Bobbi had 100 entries for the photo contest. Two positions are open on the board as Chris' term will expire and Brenda is not running. Nominations are sought. The 2020 membership letter is out. New dues need to be paid in order to vote for new board members. Where does Florence park remodel stand? Parks board has money as do we but nothing happening. Jack Walsh and Susan Reiser will be the MCC reps for this going forward.

Our last month meeting of 2019 has minutes of its own to be approved at the Jan 2020 meeting.