
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

April 11, 2019

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held April 11, 2019. Directors present were Sheila Adams, Bette DeMeritt, Pat Myers, Ron Poor, Wes Higgs, Kayla Brown, Janie Gates and Gwen Warner. Absent was Paul Southwick and Eric Gates. Also present was Mitzi Bailey.

President Sheila Adams called the meeting to order. Motion by Kayla Brown, seconded by Pat Myers, to approve the March 14, 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Sunflower Balloon Fest Update** – Gwen Warner reported that she continues to work on this. Our advertising posters and post cards have been ordered and should be here this week. Right now I'm trying to get the food and craft vendors finalized, but several haven't paid yet. Gwen also showed the board in 2 days our balloon fest ad had 33,562 people reached, 6,008 engagements, 73 comments and 347 shares.
- b. **Social Media Meeting with Trevor Kamstra** – President Adams reported she had contacted all the businesses about the upcoming meeting. Several showed interest but only Janie Gates, Sheila Adams and Gwen Warner were the only ones in attendance. Sheila had Trevor met at her business for about an hour to discuss how he could help her. Sheila will pass information on to other businesses. Janie Gates said he is working with her at HGLB.
- c. **4th of July Fundraising** – Discussion was again held on selling fireworks as a fundraiser. President Adams said she was advised we could possibly use the former Smokehouse Restaurant & Sports Bar location (Jim Von Itter's building). President Adams asked Gwen Warner to check with our insurance agency to see what additional liability we would have in a situation like this. Kayla Brown reported on her research on different companies. The one that got back with her needed \$4 - \$5,000 up front. Sheila asked Gwen to check with Bruce Oliver and see if his building would be available. The City said they would not charge us to turn on the water and electricity if we find a building.
- d. **Harper County 4th of July** – We had a request to have a beer garden at the 4th of July. Since they operate under our tax ID we decided that this would not be a good idea since our special events insurance has a liquor liability exclusion. Sheila wanted to know why we don't have more food vendors.
- e. **Candidate Forum** – State Senator Larry Alley and State Representative Kyle Hoffman will be in Harper County for their *Listening Tour* on Friday, April 12th. They are scheduled to be in Harper at Wheatland Electric – 302 W 6th at 9:30 a.m. and in Anthony at Irwin Potter Drug – 202 W. Main at 1:30 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Downtown Discussion** – Elliott Mortuary Building has been sold to Michael Eldringhoff, a former Bluff City, Kansas resident.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. **Downtown Discussion** – Elliott Mortuary Building has been sold to Michael Eldringhoff, a former Bluff City, Kansas resident.

NEW BUSINESS

- ✓ **Board Position** – Bette DeMeritt, Kayla Brown, Janie Gates and Gwen Warner volunteered to meet and discuss possible replacement for Paul Southwick’s board position.
- ✓ **Review and Approve March Financial** – Motion by Janie Gates seconded by Pat Myers to approve the March Financial. Motion Carried.

Other Business:

- Anthony Wellness Center Flyer – Board Members received the latest Wellness Center Flyer to review.
- Membership Survey – Kayla Brown, Sheila Adams and Gwen Warner volunteered to meet and discuss what type of questions the survey should contain. Two things discussed was what are the expectations of the Chamber and what does the Chamber do for me.
- Janie Gates announced HGLB will have and Easter Celebration Party Saturday, April 20th from 11 am – 1 pm. They will have bunny games, hopping treats and Easter Bunny prizes, face painting, bunny walk, candy filled pinatas and photos with the bunny.
- President Adams gave the board a letter from David Hall of Hall & Hall stating why he was not paying his dues this year. He stated that we need to embrace the twenty-first century.
- Mitzi Bailey said everything is on track for the new hospital. Discussion was held on how much longer the road work will take.
- Discussed the attendance of board members.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:48 p.m. Motion by Ron Poor, seconded by Kayla Brown to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Warner Executive Director

Announcements:

- April 19..... Good Friday – No School
- April 20..... 4-Man Scramble 620-842-5965 to register
- April 20..... Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt
- April 21..... Easter
- April 22..... No School
- May 3..... No School – Professional Development
- May 9..... Chamber Board Meeting
- May 10-11-12..... Sunflower Balloon Fest (22nd Annual)
- May 10..... Sunflower Balloon Fest Mixer (5:30 – 7 p.m.)
- May 11..... Sunflower Balloon Fest (22nd Annual) Parade (2 p.m.)
- May 11..... "Show & Shine Car Show"
- Balloon Fest Events & Kite Festival All Day