
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

May 16, 2019

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held May 16, 2019. Directors present were Sheila Adams, Bette DeMeritt, Pat Myers, Ron Poor, Wes Higgs, Kayla Brown, Janie Gates and Gwen Warner. Absent was Eric Gates.

President Sheila Adams called the meeting to order. Motion by Kayla Brown, seconded by Janie Gates, to approve the April 11, 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Sunflower Balloon Fest Update** – Gwen Warner reported a good weekend for the balloon fest with a lot of people in town for the weekend. President Adams questioned why some of the food vendors didn't show up. The only thing we know was since it was misting Saturday morning some decided the weather was not going to be very good.
- b. **Survey** – President Adams said she and Kayla had gotten together and compiled a survey which the board members had a copy of. Ron Poor said when you asked a question about this or that you should be able provide an answer to that question. So, don't ask a question like number 6. It was decided to leave out question number 6 and add the following questions.

The Chamber operates through the generosity of volunteers and a part time executive director. We are limited by man-power and finances. Do you want these activities to continue?

Yes ___ No ___ Veterans Day Program

Yes ___ No ___ Christmas Open House

Yes ___ No ___ Sunflower Balloon Fest

Yes ___ No ___ Fall Fest

Yes ___ No ___ Support of Harper Co 4th of July

Yes ___ No ___ Parades

Yes ___ No ___ Arts & Crafts Fairs/Home Based Business Expo)) Yes ___ No ___ Sidewalk sales

In addition to these projects the Chamber also provides the following...do you want these activities to continue?

Yes ___ No ___ City Wide Garage Sale

Yes ___ No ___ Santa/Santa House

Yes ___ No ___ Christmas Lighting/Street Decorations

Yes ___ No ___ Fireworks Stand -

Yes ___ No ___ Chamber Membership Directory

Yes ___ No ___ Events That Retailers Sponsors

Yes ___ No ___ Welcome Flags & U S Flags Yes ___ No ___ Sack Promo ___ Yes ___ No ___

6 Candy Cane Cash Drawings Yes ___ No ___

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Downtown Discussion** – Knapic Chiropractic has moved to 610 West Main
2. **Board Position** – Janie Gates said she had spoke to Mitzi Bailey and she is excited to serve as a board member to replace Paul Southwick. Motion by Ron Poor seconded by Kayla Brown that nominations cease, and we cast a unanimous ballot for Mitzi Bailey as our new board member. Motion carried. Gwen Warner said she would contact Mitzi.
3. **Shopping Anthony Flyer** – President Adams questioned if we should wait until the survey comes back before making a decision about the dollar day. Sheila's personal

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thoughts are that it is not working for her even though she has something different every month. Janie Gates suggested the possibility of a quarterly flyer for special events. Gwen said it was too late to schedule a June issue, but Bette DeMeritt suggested contacting the board if something comes up that we can do one the following month.

4. **4th of July Insurance for Use of Building** – Gwen said she contacted Strong's Insurance and Marilee said she just need to add the location to our special events policy. We have had two places offered to us and Sheila feels the best of the two is the old *Stars & Stripes* Building. They have shelving, counter and cash register available. Sheila said we will need to get a square for credit cards. The hours we can be open are from 8 am – 11 pm. Sheila recommended opening around 10 or 11 am and recommended two shifts (10 am – 4:30 pm – and 4:40 pm – 11 pm). Sheila plans on working the night shift every day. June 27 – July 5 are the dates you can sell fireworks. If we sell fireworks for Rainbow fireworks, we will just make 25 – 28% and they will take back everything we don't sell. If we purchase the fireworks, we can make anywhere from 100 – 125% and can send back any unopened cases but we will have to keep the open cases. On July 5th anything that is open we can sell for cost just to get rid of it. We will need to purchase sacks and a banner.
5. **Fundraising** – President Adams said one of her goals was doing fundraising. She thinks we can make up difference between the dollar day with fundraising.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- ✓ **Jack Owens** – Jack Owens with US Health Advisors and sells health insurance. Jack updated those present on advantages of his health insurance.
- ✓ **Review and Approve April Financial** – Motion by Pat Myers, seconded by Kayla Brown to approve the April Financial. Motion Carried.
- ✓ **Rebecca Carter Letter of Support** – The board reviewed a letter from Rebecca Carter requesting a letter of support. Gwen has already written the letter, but Kayla Brown recommended that in the future the board give permission for letters of support.

Other Business:

- Bette DeMeritt said she did not approve having a presentation such as what Jack Owens made during our meeting or at least it should be at the end of the meeting.
- Pat Myers announced that PrairieLand Partners has expanded again and purchased two more stores. Independence and O'Malley Equipment in Iola at the stores they purchased. July 17 is the actual date they will change names.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:01 p.m. Motion by Pat Myers, seconded by Kayla Brown to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Warner Executive Director

Announcements:

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
May 11..... 27 Hole Ironman - 620-842-5965 to register
May 12..... Mother's Day
May 14..... Board of Education Meeting
May 14..... Last Day of School
May 27..... Memorial Day
May 31st – June 2nd. Anthony Golf Club Big Skins