
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

July 11, 2019

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

President Sheila Adams called the meeting to order. Motion by Pat Myers, seconded by Ron Poor, to approve the June 13, 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Harper County 4th of July** – Gwen Warner reported everything went well with this year Harper County 4th of July Celebration.
- b. **Chamber 4th of July Fundraiser** – Total deposits were \$11,211.52 less \$2,000 deposit on fireworks, less final payment of fireworks \$5,243.23 = \$3,968.29 – Banner \$49.73 for a profit of \$3,918.56 less any outstanding bills to come later.
- c. **Chamber Survey** – The board reviewed the results of the chamber survey. There were just 14 surveys returned and the board discussed whether to allow a little more time for more to be returned. Sheila printed a summary for the board to review. This was tabled until we have time to review later.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Downtown Discussion** – Michael Elderinghoff Funeral Home opened this week in the former Elliott Mortuary building. The Snow Barn (Alia & Matt Lingle) purchased the former Knopic Chiropractic Building and will be remodeling it soon so they will have a location on Main Street by next summer. The Cancun Restaurant is under new management and has changed their name to La Esperanza Mexican Restaurant.
2. **Fall Fest** – President Adams has not assigned a committee yet. Gwen Warner said Anthony Farmers Co-op is celebrating 100 years also and will do a town feed. Gwen had been working with KD to do an insert in our shopper with a lot of history but not sure now that will work out at this time. Gwen has been compiling historical facts and old historical pictures. President Adams said there are other things we need to take care of right now.
3. **Dollar Day** – An extensive discussion was held concerning a conversation President Adams had with Larry Dunn (Anthony Republican).
4. **Culpper & Merriweather Circus** – The board questioned whether or not they have any other dates when they can be in Anthony. Gwen will check with them about this. The board discussed the pros and cons about this and whether or not it would be worth sponsoring.

NEW BUSINESS

- ✓ **Harper County Transition to Career (Britt Hedlund)** – Britt announced they are starting their Mechanics Program which will be held in Attica, Kansas. Students from South Barber, Medicine Lodge, Attica and Chaparral are all invited to participate. The instructor is from Pratt Community College, so the students that participate will be getting dual college credit through Pratt and Chaparral. This program will start in August and an Open House (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) on July 27th during the rodeo.

Melinda McCurley and Britt have been meeting with manufacturers quarterly just so they can work better together. In trying to make things better they decided to have all the businesses in the county meet together. By having an entrepreneurial mindset and promoting a more cohesive community where we can help each other out in areas where we are thriving or ask for help where we are not, or we could bring in some speakers to talk to small businesses. That would be helpful for instance if we talked about capital gains or building up your capital or marketing or accounting.

They also want to hear from businesses. If your using something that is working for your company, you could be sharing it. At the first meeting the speaker is going to be Megan Inslee as she is getting ready to do an internship with three (3) manufactures. Right now, they plan to have the meeting at the new hospital and provide breakfast with pastries and coffee.

- ✓ **Approve New Member** – Motion by Pat Myers, seconded by Mitzi Bailey to approve Roadrunner Dinner (Jesus Cantu) as a new member. Motion Carried.
- ✓ **Review and Approve June Financial** – Motion by Pat Myers, seconded by Wes Higgs to approve the June Financial. Motion Carried.
- **Patterson Health Center Grand Opening** – The Board received an invitation to the Dedication and Grand Opening of the Patterson Health Center on July 19, 2019. Dedication and Grand Opening 1 – 2 p.m. and 2:30 – 5 p.m. Open House and community tours.
- ✓ **Rocket Launce Idea** – President Adams announced a meeting to be held at the bowling alley to put together and idea for a street dance on Saturday August 31st to provide entertainment for the Kloud Busters. Doug Asper will be feeding about 400 of the Kloud Busters at the Anthony Municipal Hall that evening.
- ✓ **Christmas Light Damage on Downtown Buildings** – The Anthony Police Department reported to Gwen that \$999 damage had been done to the downtown Christmas lights by juveniles. Also, they asked if we had received payment from Corbin Bloomer for \$420.

Other Business:

- Janie Gates announced that HJGLB will have a back to school carnival August 31st.

- The Cancun Mexican Restaurant has a new sign and is now known as Esperanza Mexican Restaurant.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:07 p.m. Motion by Pat Myers, seconded by Bette DeMeritt to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Warner Executive Director

Announcements:

- July 27..... One Man Scramble - 620-842-5965 to register
- August 3..... Monty Thompson Golf Outing - 620-842-5965 to register
- August 7-10..... Harper County Fair
- August 8..... Chamber Board Meeting-Nominating Committee Appts
- August 10..... Demolition Derby
- September 2..... Labor Day – Anthony Theatre Car Cruise #5 – Rocket Launch