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## Anthony Chamber of Commerce

### Board of Directors Minutes

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August 8, 2019

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held August 8, 2019. Directors present were Sheila Adams, Bette DeMeritt, Mitzi Bailey, Ron Poor, Kayla Brown, Eric Gates, Wes Higgs, Pat Myers and Gwen Warner. Absent was Janie Gates. Also present was Carla Shearer and Paige Johnston (SC Telcom).

President Sheila Adams called the meeting to order. The Board did not approve the July 11, 2019 minutes due to needing to update 4<sup>th</sup> of July sales numbers. Will approve at the next meeting.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Chamber 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Sales** – Gwen Warner said she needed the figures for the fireworks sales so she could turn in the correct amount to the Department of Revenue. Kayla Brown has those figures and she will get Gwen that information.
- b. **Chamber Survey Results** – The Board was given the results of the survey that Gwen sent out in an effort to get more feedback from Chamber members. The Social Media (On-Line Presence) Committee (Sheila Adams, Eric Gates, Kayla Brown, Ali Harbin, Gwen Warner) will get together to further study this matter. Pat Myers said he will get his person that does the social media for John Deere down if possible. Gwen questioned how to proceed with the Dollar Day and was advised to proceed as we have in the past until something different is worked out.
- c. **ScTelcom** – Introductions were made for Carla Shearer and Paige Johnston from ScTelcom. They will have an office on Main Street before long. Paige is their Business Account Consultant and Carla is CEO/General Manager. Carla offered to assist with anything they could do to help and they are happy to be a part of the community. Paige said she used to work for an advertising agency and would be happy to help with the social media if needed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Downtown Discussion** – The Snow Barn will be moving to their new location, 216 West Main Street, by the end of August. They would like to have a ribbon cutting as soon as they get settled. Membership/Ambassadors Committee support the Chamber's efforts in welcoming new members and contact current members regularly to encourage participation and involvement. Members of the committee include Diana Busby, Sue Poor, Bette DeMeritt, Karen Younce, Karen Ryan, Tammy Potter, Gwen Warner, with Irmal Hays as the chairman. Pat Myers and Kayla Brown volunteered to serve on this committee today. Those on the board volunteered to make cookies if needed. Ribbon cuttings coming up include The Snow Barn, Eldringhoff Funeral Home, El Pueblo Mexican Restaurant, La Esperanza Mexican Restaurant and possibly Conway Bank.
2. **Rocket Launch** – Sheila Adams discussed what was going on this weekend and proposed having the stores stay open until 8 p.m. Sheila will make a brochure to give to those attending the rocket launch and have Gwen make copies.

3. **Fall Fest** – Janie Gates, Bette DeMeritt, Sherrie Eaton and Gwen Warner have volunteered to work on the upcoming Fall Fest. Gwen said she will get started on this immediately.
4. **Dollar Day** – President Adams discussed her idea on how she perceived creating a dollar day on social media.
5. **Culpper & Merriweather Circus** – We will not have the circus as they have scheduled elsewhere.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ✓ **Approve New Member** – Motion by Pat Myers, seconded by Eric Gates to approve El Pueblo Mexican Restaurant (Martha Sanchez) as a new member. Motion Carried.
- ✓ **Review and Approve July Financial** – Motion by Eric Gates, seconded by Pat Myers to approve the July Financial. Motion Carried.
- ✓ The board reviewed a letter from KanOkla Progressive Agriculture Safety days to be held on September 27.

**Other Business:** Paige Johnston said they are working on getting the SCTelcom building open downtown. If you need assistance from SCTelcom contact Paige at 620-930-8165. Paige said she would get a quote to Gwen in the future.

**Business Climate Report:** Gwen reported she had inquires about 200 rooms or RV parking spots for a possible pipeline that will be going near Anthony.

Sheila suggested we have a fundraising meeting August 20<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Chamber office.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 p.m.** Motion by Eric Gates, seconded by Kayla Brown to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Warner Executive Director

### **Announcements:**

August 17.....	Harper Area Health Foundation 4-Man Scramble
August 31.....	Anthony Theatre Car Cruise #5 "Rocket and Roll It" Street Dance – 9 – 12 pm
September 2.....	Labor Day
September 6 – 15.....	Kansas State Fair
September 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> .....	Alva/Anthony 2-Man, 2 Course Scramble
September 10.....	Board of Education Meeting
September 11.....	Patriot Day
September 12.....	Chamber Board Meeting
September 27.....	KanOkla Progressive Agriculture Safety Days
October 5.....	Fall Fest – "Anthony Theatre Grand Little Opera" 7 p.m.