



In attendance:, Neil Stafford, Larry Berg, Alycia Vosinek, Jim Alden, Jan Carver, Aaren James, Dick Hamilton, Jani Fillion, George Kirk, Ray Cloutier, Al Smith, & Chad Stearns

Absent: Gerald Winn, Peter Minich, Janet Parker, Stan Fillion, Wendy Mason, Naomi Reinhard, John Alberini, Chuck Connell, Mike Claflin

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 7:35 am by Neil Stafford.

September Meeting Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Larry motioned to accept the September meeting minutes, and George seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Alycia noted that the financials look good, with advertising income down. Larry made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Jan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Directors Report:

- Chad briefly went over the Executive Directors report, noting that the Business After Hours in September had great attendance, and that the next would be on the last Wednesday in October at H&R Block.

New Business:

- George noted that Chad had asked him to do some research on the regatta account and will report back to the board next month
- Chad noted that he, Gerald, Al, Larry, and a few school representatives had been meeting to discuss the school-chamber relationship, and they had come up with a bigger picture of a community outreach committee. This is not a formal group yet, however they wanted the board to be aware of what was going on.
- SummerFest was brought up and the future with the chamber was discussed. After much debate, Larry made the motion to leave SummerFest as it is, and have the Chamber create an additional summer event. Alycia seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Chad and Jim noted that Main Street was paved and back to two-way traffic. Neil noted that that he would like to see the flyer be more informative in regards to future work.
- Chad noted that renovations are almost upon us at the Opera House, with only engineering plans for the duct work to be submitted before getting approval from the state. Once that happens we can get final quotes and be able to start raising funds and working.
- Neil Noted that not progress had been made on the Opera House Venue Management.



Committee Reports:

Membership: - Jan noted that the customer service series had been a great success thanks to Carrie Gendreau's excellent classes. The committee is next working on the Membership Directory. She also noted that we will not be changing the dues structure this year as there was not enough available time.

Marketing: Chad reported that the marketing committee has started working on the tourism guide, and is also looking at the Exit 44 Welcome Center.

Art Show: Jani noted that the art show was great this year. We made almost \$500 at the event, and it and Main Street was packed all day.

Christmas Parade: George noted that the major sponsorship had been received, and smaller sponsorships would be going out shortly.

Luncheon: Chad noted that he and Jan had met, and started laying out an agenda for the event. Jan noted that she wanted to spice up the event this year, with items such as professional development tips thrown in between speeches.

Annual Dinner: Alycia noted that Dawn Berg would be helping her chair the event this year, and that the next big item would be to line up a speaker.

Nominating: Neil noted that they would be having a meeting jointly with the steering committee on November 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Stearns
Executive Director