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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

promoting business & quality of life

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 28, 2015

Attending: Nathan Sponseller, President; Bill Long, Vice President; Katherine Colwell, Communication Secretary; Sue Whittlesey, Treasurer, Tracy Ihnot, board member; Carrie Yantzer, board member; Rhonda Duclou, recording secretary; Tim Gonzales, Mary Hockenbery, Lenore Cambria, Dawnette Simpson

The regular meeting was called to order by President Sponseller at 8:30 a.m. in the basement of the Hotchkiss Library on October 28, 2015.

Whittlesey moved to accept the corrected minutes. Colwell seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report:

We have a total of \$14,189.18 in all accounts on 10/28/15. \$8032.52 in checking and \$6156.66 in special projects. Deposits for Sept. were \$7857.00. Expenses were \$4075.62.

Communication Secretary Report:

- NFV.net is done thanks to Colwell and Nikole James. Colwell has been trained on how to do the updates.
- Tuesday membership emails have a 45% opening which is very good.

Presentations: Dawnette Simpson from the NF Ambulance Association shared ways we can help promote membership in the Association. (Women in Business, membership applications in New Neighbor bags). There are now over 1168 members. Sixty are new. The Association is providing free CPR classes on the 3rd Saturdays. There is also a health provider course.

Old Business:

- Painting the back of the North welcome sign was discussed. Royal Tone Painting gave a quote of \$220 to do everything left on the sign. Ihnot moved that we hire them to do the job. Yantzer seconded the motion and it carried. It was also decided to pay Bill Long \$61.38 for the sign expenses he has incurred.
- The Hotchkiss brochure is almost done. Sponseller is finishing up some last descriptions.
- Duclou reported on the Art and Craft Fair. The ballroom is full and the Addams room only has a couple of spaces left. The Emblem Club will be serving the lunch.
- Annual Meeting – Whittlesey made and Ihnot seconded the motion to set a budget of \$300 for the food for the meeting. The motion carried. Taco Hut will be preparing the food.
- Three board positions will be open. Sponseller, Long and Ihnot agreed to continue in those positions. Duclou asked to be replaced. There is one year left in her term. Several people were suggested as replacements.
- Nominations were made for Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year. No one had any changes that need to be made in the By-Laws.

New Business:

- There will be a member Thank-you ad (half page) in the Nov. 11 High Country Shopper and (quarter page) Delta County Independent. There will be a similar ad in the Merchant Herald at the end of November.
- Membership Mailing was discussed. Innot moved that we have separate mailing for present members and prospective members. New members will be targeted. Whittlesey seconded the motion and it carried. It was decided not to combine the mailing with Paonia and Crawford.
- Outreach Committee – The Business After Hours at the Rose was a great success. There are 14 Welcome bags made up, but we are looking for items to put in the next group. Gonzales would like to provide something.
- Downtown Improvement report by Mary Hockenbery. Youth Art Wall: There was a bill for \$421.93. Shannon Castle's group worked with 2'x8' panels. There was also discussion on the flowers. Artists are encouraged to donate art flowers to be sold. The Town has been asked for \$1000 for the project.
- Announcements: Cambria said the High School will be doing the play "Chemical Bonding: Better Living Through Chemistry" on Dec. 3 & 4 at 7:30 p.m. She also reported on improvements at the swimming pool. They will be selling membership card at the Arts & Craft Fair for gifts.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Duclo, Secretary

Executive Session:

- A motion was made by Whittlesey and seconded by Colwell that Gates Shaklee would be the Citizen of the Year, Memorial Hall the Non-Profit of the Year and TDS Telecom is the Business of the Year. Motion carried.