



**Membership Meeting. October 27, 2021. Memorial Hall Ballroom**

**Roll Call.** Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot (via phone), Sue Whittlesey and Kim Shay. Board Members Absent: Bill Long, Robbie Winne Community Members Present: None.

**Call to Order.** Executive Director Nathan Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:02 am.

**Approval of Minutes.**

Recording Secretary Tracy Ihnot emailed the draft of the October 7<sup>th</sup> minutes to board members for review. Whittlesey made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Shay seconded. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report.**

Whittlesey provided the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting for board members to review. The current balance in operations is \$5,107.29 and special projects is \$16,514.47. Shay made a motion to accept the report as submitted and Whittlesey seconded. All were in favor.

**Administrative Report.**

Sponseller reported that normal duties have been completed as planned. Updates on other topics were given under Old Business.

**President's Report:**

Swanda's recent resignation from HCCC's board due to an out-of-state relocation has left the position of President temporarily vacant.

**Presentations/Introductions:**

None scheduled.

**Old Business**

Annual Meeting: Ihnot gave a brief update on planning for the Annual Meeting. All details have been addressed and planning is on schedule. Shannon Ulman will provide harp music and is not asking for remuneration. Board Elections: Whittlesey confirmed that she will be diverting her energies to other volunteer activities, leaving the Treasurer position open, as well as the President position. Sponseller noted that if more candidates can be found than open positions that he will step aside in favor of building the Board. Shay noted that she has been speaking with several potential candidates and will follow up with those individuals. By-law and Policy updates: Sponseller noted that links to proposed changes to by-laws and policies have been posted in the weekly newsletter and will remain posted until the Annual Meeting. Awards: The Board reviewed all nominations submitted and selected the follow to receive awards at the Annual Meeting: Wellspring Vitality as business of

the year; The Creamery Arts Center as non-profit of the year; and Larry Wilkening as Citizen of the Year. Sponseller offered to order presentation plaques. Board agreed to have a different person present each award. Craft Fair: The Craft Fair was discussed and confirmed that the Chamber will lengthen the fair to a two day event held on November 19 & 20. Chamber merger discussion: Sponseller reported that the Crawford Chamber had discussed the idea of merging operations with Hotchkiss and they concluded that now was not the time for a merger and agreed to keep the lines of communication open on the matter.

#### **New Business.**

Renewal of Koisk Lease: Every three years the Chamber's lease to DMEA for their pay kiosk comes up for renewal. Sponseller had received the lease renewal paperwork from DMEA and noted that the relationship with DMEA in this instance was a positive to both entities and he suggested renewing the lease. Whittlesey moved to renew the lease and Shay seconded. All were in favor. Membership mailing: Sponseller noted that the mailing normally goes out at the end of November with a follow up mailing in January. Discussion of the Board concluded that the first "mailing" would be done via email with follow up by email, mail or in person, as needed. Sponseller suggested bulking up our email solicitation list by contacting One Delta to see if they would share their list.

#### **Committee Reports.**

**Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan update.** No updates.

**Outreach Committee.** No updates.

#### **Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.**

**Next Membership Meeting.** Annual Meeting will be held at 5:30pm at the Creamery Arts Center

**Adjournment.** Sponseller adjourned the meeting at 9:10am

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nathan Sponseller, Stand-in for Recording Secretary