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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Membership Meeting. February 27, 2019. Wheeler Room.

Roll Call. Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Sue Whittlesey, Robbie Winne, and Mitch Swanda. Mary Hockenbery was also present. Board Members Absent: Tracy Ihnot and Bill Long.

Call to Order. President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:00 am.

Approval of Minutes.

Recording Secretary Ihnot emailed the January meeting minutes draft to Board members and Board members sent corrections. Whittlesey made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Swanda seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report.

Whittlesey emailed the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting for Board Members to review. As of report date, there is \$4,605.08 in the operating account, and \$15,154.23 in Special Projects account. Winne made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Swanda seconded. All were in favor.

Communication Secretary's Report.

Winne continues to issue regular Tuesday e-newsletters and mentioned that she will begin doing spotlights on specific businesses and will be encouraging businesses to share specials and events that she can promote. Whittlesey mentioned there was a member who inquired about when business directory listings would be updated. Sponseller reported that while Ihnot had offered to update the business listings, she does not yet have access to the information needed to do the updates. Sponseller is still working on setting up the cloud document storage so that all board members can easily access Chamber docs. This should be done shortly.

Presentations/Introductions:

Mary Hockenbery addressed the Board with a suggestion about replacing the dilapidated bench in front of the post office. This bench was originally funded by the Chamber in the early 1990s and Hockenbery was suggesting the Chamber fund up to \$200 to replace it, in cooperation with Mike Jackson, the property owner. The Board discussed the matter and different ideas. The matter was not voted on, however, the Board agreed to have conversation with the property owner and to explore options for a locally fabricated metal bench.

Old Business.

Membership update. Sponseller reported that we have received 85 membership applications/renewals thus far – a good response rate. Sponseller will forward an updated membership list to Whittlesey, who will do some visits to downtown merchants who we have not yet heard back from. Phone calls will follow.

Ride the Rockies. Sponseller reported that a lunch meeting will take place with Ride the Rockies staff on Tuesday, March 12 at noon at the Credit Union.

E-Waste Event. Whittlesey reported that she has been in touch with Eric Hollembeak about student volunteers for the event. Hollembeak intends to get 6-8 HHS basketball players to help, in exchange for a monetary donation to the team (\$50 per volunteer provided). Sponseller is working on lining up ReclaMetals and Double J to receive materials collected. Whittlesey suggested advertising that we collect toners as well. Those items can be turned in to Office Depot generating a \$2 credit per toner, with credits being applied to local school purchasing accounts.

New Business.

Records Project. Sponseller reported problems with setting up a cloud storage account with GoDaddy. The problem relates to an unknown password on our Hotchkisschamber.com hosting account. Winne mentioned that she changed that password, which may resolve the issue. Sponseller will proceed with this information and intends to have the cloud account available to the Board shortly.

Committee Reports.

Outreach Committee. Whittlesey reported that the Rogers Mesa Modern Women's Club would like to distribute New Neighbor Welcome Bags to new residents. The Board thought this was a great idea.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

Those in attendance were reminded about the upcoming Business After Hours event to be held at Bank of Colorado on March 1 at 6pm.

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:15 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Nathan Sponseller, Inferior substitute Recording Secretary