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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Membership Meeting. October 30, 2019. Wheeler Room.

Roll Call. Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Mitch Swanda, Bill Long, and Sue Whittlesey.

Absent: Robbie Winne. Community Members Present: Tom Wills of The Merchant Herald and Wills Used Book Store and Elisa Greco of Big B's.

Call to Order. President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:11 am.

Approval of Minutes.

Recording Secretary Ihnot emailed the draft of the September minutes to Board members. No corrections were requested. Whittlesey made a 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 \$5793.03 in the operating account and \$15,167.84 in the Special Projects account. Ihnot made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Swanda seconded. All were in favor.

Communication Secretary's Report.

Whittlesey reported that HCCC receives approximately 20 emails per day but that many are junk emails or mass mailers from other chambers. Whittlesey will continue to check the HCCC email account. Swanda is checking phone messages and reported that many of the calls are from people who are interested in relocating to Hotchkiss. Board members agreed that it would be valuable to create a handout with relocation information.

Presentations/Introductions:

No presentations or introductions.

Old Business.

Welcome to Hotchkiss message board-Delta direction. Sponseller reported that the new message board at the Delta entrance to town should be ready by next week. Long will pick it up and install it.

Craft Fair discussion. Wills reported that booths at the craft fair are sold out. There is some concern about the recent flooding in the basement of the Memorial Hall because items are being stored in the Wheeler Room. Sponseller is running an ad in the High Country Shopper and the DCI and will include information about the food sales.

New Business.

Annual Meeting. Ihnot gave board members an update on plans for the annual meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30pm at the Creamery Arts Center. Invitations have been mailed. Swanda will contact Farm Runners to cater the meeting. Whittlesey made a motion to budget up to \$150 for catering and \$75 for live music. Long seconded and all were in favor. Discussed nominations for Citizen, Business, and Non-profit of the year. Present membership voted on the nominations. Citizen of the Year is awarded to Sue Whittlesey, Business of the Year is awarded to Western Slope SUP, and Non-profit of the Year is awarded to Rogers Mesa Modern Women's Club.

Nominations for board positions. There are two nominations for the open board position, Tom Wills and Kim Shay.

"Leap of Kindness Day", February 29, 2020-collect food for pantry? Board members discussed participating by providing drop-off locations for donations to the Hotchkiss food bank. Swanda said that Bank of Colorado could be a drop-off location. The board will also do some advertising. More discussion at the November meeting.

Membership Drive discussion. The target mail date for the membership mailer is the end of November. Sponseller will update the mailer by the next membership meeting for board members to review.

Committee Reports.

Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan update. Wills reported on a recent steering committee meeting. Various proposals were reviewed from the recent RFP. No final decision was made on how to move forward with.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

Heather Angelovich approached Sponseller about a ribbon-cutting for her new business, a fitness center called The Bridge. Sponseller will schedule it for Saturday, November 23, the day of the craft fair, at 10:00am. Ihnot and Sponseller will attend the ribbon-cutting.

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:31am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary