

HCCC

HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

promoting business & quality of life

Membership Meeting. October 31, 2018. Wheeler Room.

Roll Call. Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Sue Whittlesey, Bill Long, and Robbie Winne. Board Members Absent: Lynda Cannon, Katherine Colwell. Members: Kim Shay of Ace Gambles. Lenore Cambria of North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District. Tom Wills of Merchant Herald and Wills Used Bookstore. Mitch Swanda of Bank of Colorado.

Call to Order. President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:04 am.

Approval of Minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report.

Whittlesey emailed the Treasurer's report, including year-to-date expenditures and the proposed budget for 2019, prior to the meeting for Board Members to review. Whittlesey gave an update on HCCC year-to-date expenditures, which included a fee for use of the Addams Room and graphic design costs for the annual meeting. As of report date, there is \$3,916.88 in the operating account and \$15,150.79 in Special Projects account. Ihnot made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Winne seconded. All were in favor.

Communication Secretary's Report.

Sponseller reported that Colwell provided detailed training for HCCC Board Members on the job duties of Communication Secretary during a training session on Thursday, October 25. Colwell's last day as on the Board will be Wednesday, November 14. Sponseller, Whittlesey, and Winne were present for the training session. Ihnot was present for the last 30 minutes.

Presentations/Introductions:

Shay gave an update on the regular Hotchkiss merchant meetings. The merchant meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00am at the Coal Train and the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at Tuckers. Shay sends an email prior to the meetings to confirm. Shay also reminded the Board about the Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan meeting scheduled for November 1, 2018 at 6:00pm at Memorial Hall and asked if HCCC would consider contributing to refreshments. Ihnot made a motion that HCCC pay for the refreshments for the Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan meeting up to \$100.00. Long seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Shay reported that the steering committee of the merchant group intends to pursue 501c3 status primarily for grant opportunities. Board Members agreed that HCCC should be involved in and supportive of the process.

Cambria reminded Members that North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District is on the November ballot for a mill levy increase.

Old Business.

Colwell's Replacement/Future Board and Duties. Sponseller suggested that HCCC schedule a special work session to review and assign essential duties of the Communication Secretary to Board Members. The work session is set for Thursday, November 15 at 8:30am at Bank of Colorado.

Annual Meeting-Wednesday, November 14. The HCCC Annual Meeting will be held from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the Hotchkiss Fire Station. Sponseller will be there by 4:30pm to set up. Nominations for citizen, business and non-profit of the year were received and Board Members voted via email. Citizen of the Year is awarded to John Marta. Business of the Year is awarded to Farm Runners. Non-Profit of the Year is awarded to S&B Quilters. Awards will be presented at the annual meeting.

Graphic Design. Sponseller reported that following the postcard design for the annual meeting, Nikki Richardson will no longer be doing graphic design for HCCC.

New Business.

DMEA/Kiosk contract. Sponseller reported that DMEA would like to sign a 3-year contract with HCCC to continue with shared use of the HCCC kiosk. Board Members agreed.

Craft Fair Weekend. The craft fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 17 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Wills notified the Board that all the spots for the craft fair have been filled and the Hotchkiss United Methodist Church will provide the lunch.

Cooperation with other chambers? Sponseller reported that board members from Paonia and Crawford chambers have expressed interest in pursuing ways for the three North Fork chambers to coordinate efforts. HCCC Board Members shared ideas, including the possible benefits and challenges of sharing a hired administrator and merging the three chambers. Further discussion between the three boards and feedback from HCCC membership is needed before a decision can be made.

Committee Reports.

Outreach Committee. There were no outreach committee reports.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

There were no announcements/non-agenda items

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:20 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary