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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Membership Meeting. November 20, 2019. Wheeler Room.

Roll Call. Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Mitch Swanda, Bill Long, Robbie Winne, Kim Shay, and Sue Whittlesey. Community Members Present: Mary Hockenbery, Town of Hotchkiss Trustee.

Call to Order. President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:02 am.

Approval of Minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report.

Whittlesey emailed the Treasurer's report and the proposed 2020 budget prior to the meeting for Board Members to review. As of report date, there is \$5,488.61 in the operating account and \$15,167.84 in the Special Projects account. The catering from Farm Runners came in \$45 over the budget and Whittlesey covered the difference. Swanda made a motion for HCCC to reimburse Whittlesey for the \$45 overage. Shay seconded. Whittlesey opposed. The remaining board members were in in favor. Motion passed. Winne made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Long seconded. All were in favor.

Communication Secretary's Report.

Winne reported that she is preparing to send a e-newsletter before the weekend that will include the craft fair, ribbon cutting, and other upcoming member events.

Presentations/Introductions:

No presentations or introductions.

Old Business.

Welcome to Hotchkiss message board-Delta direction. Sponseller reported that the new sign board still needs to be picked up and installed.

Craft Fair discussion. The Wheeler Room may not be available during the craft fair due to the on-going remodel in the Memorial Hall basement. Thomas Wills notified the 3 booth applicants scheduled for the Wheeler Room. One applicant chose to be refunded and the other two will wait to see if there is space. The ribbon cutting at The Bridge is scheduled for 10am the day of the craft fair.

Annual Meeting Round up. Board members discussed the success of the meeting and welcomed Kim Shay to the board.

New Business.

Installation of newly elected board (2-year terms). Sue Whittlesey, Bill Long, Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Kim Shay.

Election of Officers. Whittlesey made a motion to elect the slate of officers as follows: Whittlesey as Treasurer, Swanda as Vice-President, Winne as Communications Secretary, Ihnot as Recording Secretary, and Sponseller as President. Swanda seconded and all were in favor. Board members discussed the distribution of the Communications Secretary duties. Winne will handle the e-newsletter and written correspondence. Shay will respond to incoming calls. Whittlesey will continue checking incoming emails. Ihnot will manage the website and Facebook page.

Holiday Lighting/Display Contest. Board members discussed plans for the 2020 holiday lighting contest. Moving forward, businesses need to be chamber members to be eligible to win. Residences and businesses within town limits will be judged. Businesses out of town limits need to contact HCCC to be included in the judging. Two committees of local students will judge the lighting the week of December 9.

Membership Drive discussion. Board members discussed raising membership dues in 2020 to meet future demands for providing sufficient membership benefits and support. Whittlesey made a motion to set 2020 membership dues as follows: Business Membership \$75, Dual- Business Membership \$100, Individual Membership \$20, and Non-Profit Membership \$30. Shay seconded. All were in favor.

Budget Discussion and Adoption. Board members reviewed and discussed HCCC's proposed budget for 2020. Whittlesey will make slight adjustments, including projections for the 2020 membership dues. Ihnot made a motion to adopt the 2020 budget as reviewed with discussed adjustments. Shay seconded. All were in favor.

Committee Reports.

Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan update. Hockenbery updated board members on the progress of the recent RFP. A selection has been made and once the contract is finalized Hockenbery will update the board.

Outreach Committee. No report.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

Ihnot gave board members an update on the upcoming library closures following the recent failure of the Library District's ballot measure.

Sponseller reported that High Country Shopper is increasing non-profits rates. HCCC will need to adjust ad sizes to stay within the advertising budget.

Board members discussed moving HCCC's bank accounts to another local financial institution to improve interest rates. Ihnot made a motion for Whittlesey to research options and be authorized to move HCCC bank accounts to another local financial institution in order to improve interest rates with the Treasurer, Secretary, and President as signers. Shay seconded and all were in favor.

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary

