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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Membership Meeting. November 28, 2018. Wheeler Room.

Roll Call. Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Sue Whittlesey, Robbie Winne, and Mitch Swanda.
Board Members Absent: Bill Long. Members: Tom Wills of Merchant Herald and Wills Used Bookstore.

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 October meeting minutes draft to Board members and Board members sent corrections. Whittlesey made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Winne seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Whittlesey emailed the Treasurer's report, including year-to-date financials and the proposed 2019 budget, prior to the meeting for Board Members to review. As of report date, there is \$3,354.52 in the operating account and \$15,150.79 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 is taking on the Communication's Secretary duties starting this week. She requested that Board Members send her any upcoming events for the e-newsletter. Winne will familiarize herself with the membership list so she knows whose events to include. Board Members briefly discussed the process for using HCCC's phone number and email address for conducting chamber business and checking incoming phone calls and emails.

Presentations/Introductions:

No presentations or introductions.

Old Business.

Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan. Sponseller reported that there was a good turn out at the November meeting and that things are moving forward.

Craft Fair Report-Tom Wills. Wills reported that the event went off smoothly and that he can place two additional booths in 2019. Wills suggested that forming a planning committee for future events could be beneficial. He also mentioned that having an event at Memorial Hall the evening of the craft fair would be a good way to raise some additional funds for Memorial Hall.

New Business.

Appointment of Officers for 2019. Sponseller reported that HCCC is ready to fill six or the seven available Board positions at this time. He asked that Board Members think about who might be a good fit for the remaining open position. Whittlesey made a motion for Sponseller to continue as President, Long to continue as Vice-President (pending a follow up conversation with Sponseller), Ihnot to continue as Recording Secretary, Whittlesey to continue as Treasurer, Winne to fill the Communications Secretary position, and Swanda to fill a Board Member position. Winne seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Budget discussion and adoption. Board Members reviewed the proposed 2019 budget and discussed several line items. Board Members discussed collaborating with Bank of Colorado for a possible fundraiser during the Sheep Dog Trails to raise funds for HCCC. Sponseller commented that there might not be an expense for Farm to Fiddle in 2019. Board Members discussed a small adjustment to the line item for the 2019 Craft Fair. Swanda made a motion to accept the 2019 budget, as amended for the craft fair. Winne seconded and all were in favor.

Next Meeting-December 12, as scheduled or 19? Board Members discussed and scheduled the December HCCC meeting for December 12.

Member Thank You Ad. Board Members discussed running a member thank you ad in the DCI, High Country Shopper and Merchant Herald. Sponseller will follow up on submitting the ad.

Holiday Lighting Contest. Board Members discussed details for the 2019 holiday lighting contest. Sponseller will contact HK8 to select student judges and HCCC will provide hot chocolate and cookies. Awards will be given for winners in the residential and business category.

Membership mailing details and duties. Sponseller gave an overview of the process for the membership mailing and the Communications Secretary's role in the process. Winne will be taking on those duties.

Ride the Rockies-Thursdays, June 14-tentative, not official. Sponseller gave an update on possible plans for Ride the Rockies in 2019. Sponseller has reserved the fairgrounds in preparation for the event. If they stop in Hotchkiss, Ride the Rockies may be bringing and setting up yurts in the fairgrounds. Riders will be coming over McClure from Carbondale the morning of June 14. Board Members discussed details for providing food vendors in the park, managing the beer garden, notifying Hotchkiss businesses, and getting volunteers to help with the event.

Committee Reports. Winne and Swanda are planning for a Business After Hours event at Bank of Colorado in February. Ihnot reported that she would send out an inventory and request for Board assistance in contacting members for welcome bag items by January.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

2019 E-Waste Event. Sponseller asked the Board to be prepared to discuss this at January meeting.

CO Grand Scholarship. Sponseller asked the Board to be prepared to discuss this at January meeting.

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:34 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary

