

# HCCC

HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## **Membership Meeting. December 11, 2019. Addams Room.**

**Roll Call.** Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Mitch Swanda, Bill Long, Robbie Winne, Kim Shay, and Sue Whittlesey. Community Members Present: Tom Wills, Merchant Herald and Wills Used Book Store.

**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 draft of the November minutes to Board members and corrections were made. Long 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 prior to the meeting for Board Members to review. As of report date, HCCC's accounts are in transition from United Business Bank to Bank of Colorado. All accounts total \$19,377.76. Shay made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Winne seconded. All were in favor.

### **Communication Secretary's Report.**

No report.

### **Presentations/Introductions:**

No presentations or introductions.

### **Old Business.**

**Welcome to Hotchkiss message board-Delta direction.** The sign paid for and ready to be picked up.

**Craft Fair/Ribbon Cutting Recap.** Whittlesey reported that HCCC spent \$489 on advertising for the November 16, 2019 craft fair. Gross proceeds of the fair totaled \$800. Wills suggested that the 2020 application could more clearly define that there are three separate craft fairs. Board members discussed donating a portion of the funds generated to Memorial Hall. Whittlesey made a motion to donate \$500 of the craft fair revenue to Memorial Hall. Long seconded and all were in favor.

**Holiday Lighting Display Contest.** Ihnot coordinated the judging of the business district with local elementary students. Student judges unanimously chose Hotchkiss Town Hall as first place and Ace Gambles as second place in the holiday lighting contest. The National Junior Honors Society 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are set to judge the residential areas later this week. Sponseller will update board members after the judging is complete.

**Membership Drive discussion.** Sponseller updated the 2020 membership application with board feedback. The first mailer has been sent and dues are already coming in for 2020. The second mailer is ready to go out in January.

## **New Business.**

**Set meeting dates/location for 2020.** 2020 meetings are set for the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Addams Room of Memorial Hall, with the exception of the November and December meetings. The November 2020 meeting is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> and the December 2020 meeting is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Thoughts on camping at Fairgrounds?** Sponseller gave an update on the December 24 Merchant meeting regarding issues with people camping at fairgrounds. Vandalism, long-term camping, and inappropriate use of the bathrooms have all been issues. At this time, the County has closed camping to everyone except when large groups come for events and a permit is required. Board members discussed concerns with the closure of the bathrooms and camping with regard to the anticipated impact on tourism and local users, especially families utilizing the park for recreation. Shay has a meeting scheduled with Darnell Place-Wise on Friday morning to discuss the issue and will pass along board member feedback and concerns.

**DCED membership now \$150 down from \$500-this allows a seat on the board.** Board members discussed the possibility of a HCCC board member taking a seat on the DCED Board. At this time, no HCCC board member is available to serve on the DCED board, but all agree that is up for future discussion.

## **Committee Reports.**

**Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan update.** No report.

**Outreach Committee.** No report.

## **Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.**

Board members discussed opportunities for an electric car charging station in downtown Hotchkiss. There is funding available for the Town of Hotchkiss to pursue. Swanda made a motion that HCCC encourage and offer a letter of support for the Town of Hotchkiss in pursuing an electric car charging station. Shay seconded and all were in favor.

Swanda reported that the Roberts Short Stop building has been purchased.

Swanda reported that Bank of Colorado and Bollinger and Queen are sponsoring the new score boards at Hotchkiss High School.

Ihnot gave an update on new hours for Hotchkiss Library in 2020.

**Next Membership Meeting.** Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 8am in the Addams Room.

**Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:28am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary