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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Membership Meeting

June 27, 2018. Wheeler Room.

Roll Call. Board Members: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Robbie Winne, Katherine Colwell, Sue Whittlesey, Bill Long, Lynda Cannon.

Call to Order. President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:03 am.

Approval of Minutes.

Ihnot, Sponseller, and Colwell contributed to the May meeting minutes. Recording Secretary Ihnot emailed the combined meeting minutes draft to Board members and Board members sent corrections. Whittlesey made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Long seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report.

Whittlesey emailed the treasurer's report prior to the meeting for Board Members to review. The current operating checking account balance is 3,757.91 and special projects balance is 8,097.51. Outstanding expenditures include advertising expenses for the Sheep Dog Trials and various expenses for the June 7 Business After Hours. Whittlesey will provide a YTD report at the July meeting. Long made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Winne seconded. All were in favor.

Communication Secretary's Report.

Colwell reported that a majority of the phone calls that HCCC receives are from long distance numbers and suggested that HCCC acquire a cell phone for the primary phone contact. HCCC currently receives approximately one to two dozen calls per month and Colwell makes frequent calls from her phone on behalf of HCCC. The Board discussed the need to find a more efficient method of returning long distance calls and will look into either a cell phone or some other suitable technology.

Bike Tour of Colorado called multiple times requesting information about where to park porta potties for the tour.

Presentations/Introductions:

No presentations/introductions

Old Business.

Ribbon Cutting at Farm Runners Station. The event was well attended. David Jacobson was there to take video footage, Pat Sunderland from the DCI was there for a photo opportunity for the paper and Mayor Larry Wilkening attended.

Farm to Fiddle. Cannon requested that HCCC run one of the Chicken Pickin' Bingo events as a fundraiser for HCCC. Volunteers are needed to work the HCCC booth and in other areas during the event. Cannon passed around a schedule for Board Members to sign up. Cannon also stated the Hotchkiss Library Friends can have a free booth at the event.

REDI Grant Approved. \$38,000 for study of Main Street and corridor. Sponseller reported that Michele Haines will administer the grant and there will be an initial meeting to determine what kind of representation is needed on the steering committee. Sponseller will notify the Board when the meeting is scheduled.

New Business.

Political & Religious Promotion via HCCC. HCCC received a request to promote a soccer event and bible study camp for a religious entity. HCCC's by-laws do not allow promotion of political or religious events. Similar requests have been denied in the past due to this conflict with the by-laws. Sponseller has responded accordingly.

Update to Walking Map. Sponseller reported that a second round of printing of the walking map is needed before Farm to Fiddle. Cannon said that she will get a quote on printing to compare to Andrea Lecos' printing cost. Sponseller requested that the Board review the walking map and send him any suggested changes. Whittlesey made a motion to make an update to and reprint of the walking map, pending a determination of design and printing cost. Cannon seconded. All were in favor.

Committee Reports.

Outreach Committee. Winne reported that Bluebird Boutique is interested in doing a Business After Hours event. The Board discussed that September would be a good time.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

The Board discussed strategies for improving attendance at Business After Hours and other HCCC events, including email reminders, e-vites, word of mouth, etc. The Board also discussed the need to have talking points for communicating the benefits of joining HCCC. A small committee will be formed to draft the language, using the membership letter as a guide. Winne and Whittlesey will meet to start the process.

Sponseller reported that HCCC has received several thank you cards, one from Delta County Libraries for sponsoring summer reading program and one from Katie Gnauk, on behalf of the Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Society, for flowers.

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:14 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary