

Hotchkiss Community Chamber of Commerce

January 2, 2013

Monthly Members' Meeting - Hotchkiss Public Library

Present: President Nathan Sponseller, Vice President – Bill Long, Corresponding Secretary - Katherine Colwell, Recording Secretary – Tom Wills, Treasurer – Rhonda Duclo, Elaine Brett and Debbie Cheesman.

President Nathan Sponseller called the January meeting to order. Elaine Brett brought cookies to share.

Bill moved and Debbie seconded that the minutes of the December meeting be approved as written and e-mailed to the membership.

The year-end financial report prepared by Treasurer Rhonda Duclo was approved as presented. Elaine/Katherine. Elaine suggested that the future reports be formatted so as to fit with the C-6 reporting requirements. There was a discussion of budget topics and an officers' meeting on the budget was set for January 4th.

Corresponding Secretary's report: There were 23 members to start the year. 3 non-profits and the rest business memberships. Katherine read off the paid up members so far. They included: North Fork Ambulance Assn., North Fork Valley Heart and Soul Project, Roger's Mesa Modern Women's Club, Ace Gambles of Hotchkiss, Backcountry Goods and Trading, Ela Family Farms, Empowered Energy Systems, First State Bank of Colorado – Hotchkiss, Hotchkiss Automotive Inc., Hubbard Creek Outfitters and Pack Station LLC, Kwiki Tire II Inc., Living Farm Café, North Fork Family Dentistry, North Fork Motel, Positive Counseling LLC, Rivendell Retreat LLC, Rogers Mesa Fruit Co., Sissons North Fork Co., Spectrum Accounting LLC, Stonehouse Inn, Williams Turner and Holmes, PC, Wills Gallery and Used Books, and Embrace (in the Yoga Tree).

Katherine announced the grand opening of the new building for the Needlerock Family Clinic in Crawford on the following Saturday.

Visitor's Center: DMEA's work is progressing on the building but is not yet complete. Nathan will arrange for a new area map and map case. The center will have security camera and will automatically be locked during the late night hours.

Membership drive: City Market is in process of rejoining the Chamber after several years of not doing so. Katherine will do a follow up membership mailing, probably in February.

Heart and Soul: Elaine reported on Heart and Soul Project related things. February 16 will be a celebration of the KVNf's Pass the Mic interview and video project at the Paradise Theater in Paonia. Heart and Soul will be setting up meetings with local governments. A national company would like to test a role playing/decision making game on local government boards.

Tom reported on the **Downtown Improvement process.** Town of Hotchkiss staff has issues with planters placed beyond the curb line so the four planned for First and Bridge will be deferred for now made up for with additional sidewalk planter benches as well as additional work on the proposed alley park between the North Fork Valley Restaurant and the Rose. The Downtown Improvement Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 8 a.m. at the Coal Train Coffeehouse. Future regular DTIC meetings will be held on the second Tuesday morning of the month at the same time and place. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Info: Tom Wills at 872-2664.

The next Chamber member meeting will be held on February 6 at 7:30 a.m. in the basement of the Hotchkiss Public Library.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Wills – Recording Secretary