



**Membership Meeting. February 24, 2022. Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Museum.**

**Roll Call.** Board Members Present: Tracy Ihnot, Kim Shay, Lenore Cambria, Robbie Winne, Terry O'Brien, and Nathan Sponseller, Executive Director. Board Members Absent: Bill Long and Shelly Ware. Community Members Present: Steve Reed.

**Call to Order.** President Kim Shay called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:35am.

**Approval of Minutes.**

Secretary Ihnot emailed the draft of the January 27 minutes for board members to review. A small correction was made. O'Brien made a motion to accept the corrected minutes and Winne seconded. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report.**

O'Brien sent the treasurer's report via email prior to the meeting for board members to review. The board had a brief discussion on the process for reviewing reports. Winne made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Cambria seconded. All were in favor.

**Executive Director's Report.**

Membership Drive. Sponseller gave the Board an update on the 2022 membership drive. He is preparing to send a second notice to those who did not respond to the first mailer.

DMEA. Sponseller has notified DMEA that the lights in the kiosk, both inside and out, have not been functional since November 2021. HCCC's agreement with DMEA regarding the kiosk defines the lighting as DMEA's responsibility. Board members discussed this as a safety concern and gave Sponseller permission to continue pursuing this issue as a top priority.

Signboard. Board members discussed increasing compensation for Luissitta Soto for changing out the Hotchkiss signboards. Ihnot made a motion that HCCC increase the compensation to \$30 per sign, retroactive to January 1, 2022. O'Brien seconded. All were in favor.

CO Grand. Sponseller reported that Colorado Grand is offering a scholarship to a Hotchkiss graduating senior in 2022. HCCC must have a selection made by May 3. Sponseller will update the scholarship application and share the information with the schools. The application deadline will be April 1. O'Brien, Ihnot, Winne, Shay, and Sponseller will form the judging committee.

## **President's Report.**

Delta County Fair. Shay reported that she is in charge of organizing vendors for the 2022 county fair. Fair board membership was reduced from 15 to 6 members by the county commissioners this year. Mary Hockenbery is the other member representing the North Fork. Shay will continue to provide updates as plans move forward.

VFW. Shay reported that the VFW lost its charter and plans are being made to clean up the space for future utilization.

Historical Society Annual Meeting. Meets at Memorial Hall this Sunday, February 27 at 2:00pm.

## **Presentations/Introductions.**

Steve Reed. Reed gave a presentation on an initiative called "Hometown of 1,000 Positive Encouragements" as a way to increase foot traffic into Hotchkiss and the North Fork Valley. The project focusses on schools and businesses, and involves gathering positive comments from celebrities to post around town.

## **Old Business.**

Candidate Forum for Municipal Elections. Shay reported that she will be the moderator at the forum and requires one more person to be a timer, possibly Ware. Board members can email forum questions to Shay by Friday.

## **New Business.**

Website Cooperation with Crawford. The Crawford Chamber of Commerce contacted Sponseller regarding HCCC's plans to update the northforkvalley.net website. They are interested in combining websites and possibly e-newsletters with HCCC. Board members discussed possibilities for collaboration. A formal agreement would have to be in place to outline costs and responsibilities. The board is open to the idea and will revisit it again once Sponseller had made further progress on the website.

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

None.

**Next Membership Meeting.** Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31 at 8:30am at the Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Museum.

**Adjournment.** Shay adjourned the meeting was at 10:10am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary