

Cook Chamber of Commerce

February 7, 2011

President Lisa Ojanen called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. at the VFW.

Members Present: Lisa Ojanen, Verdella Musech, Rich Crettol, Ida Haxton, Tom Chapman, Gina Nukala, Gary Albertson, Karen Hollanitsch & Lois Pajari.

Minutes: Motioned by Musech, seconded by Chapman to approve. Motioned carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$2115.00, Savings \$1,319.13, Money Market \$23,052.49, Take-A-Kid Fishing \$3,721.81. Motion by Chapman, second by Pajari to approve. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Wolftrack Sled Dog Race- Homestead Mills will allow us to host our Sled Dog Rides for Kids event. St Pauls church will provide snacks & hot chocolate. The Baptist Church gave the chamber permission to use their property for this event. The dog sled rides will take place on Saturday February 26th from 1 p.m to 4 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the Homestead mills on the day of the event. The prices are \$5 for adults and kids 12 and under \$3. Musech & Chapman volunteered to help with the event. Ojanen & Pajari will call for additional volunteers to help with the dogs and sell tickets.
2. Art Guild- Chapman updated chamber on the progress of the group. Spring Art Expo is set for last 2 weeks in May, with 19 businesses opening their doors to artists to exhibit their work. The group set up a Western themed fundraiser on Tuesday Feb. 8 at the Comet Theater. Their next meeting is on Feb 15. They are also in the process of creating a website that will be linked to chamber website
3. Cook Country Christmas- Discussion on buying a Mrs. Clause Suit & beard. Motioned by Pajari, seconded by Haxton to buy new suit and beard.
4. Signs- The stationary signs were discussed. The regulations of MNDOT would cause problems with positioning a permanent sign. Hollanitsch discussed the electronic movable signs. Ojanen will call Steve Anderson to get more information and obtain a quote on these signs.
5. Associate Memberships- Talked about offering Associate memberships to Individual/ Non Business members.

New Business

1. Flags- Hollanitsch talked with Lindgren about obtaining prices for the smaller flags. Press release will be listed in the paper about the Flags. Motioned by Haxton, seconded by Musech to partner with the VFW to sell flags with the price being \$5 above the cost of the flag and pending getting the cost of the flags. Motioned carried.
2. Timberdays- A meeting is set for Feb 15th at 6:30 p.m.
3. MN Chamber of Commerce- Motion by Musech, seconded by Crettol to join the MN Chamber of Commerce. Motioned carried.
4. Next meeting March 7, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the VFW.

Motioned by Crettol, seconded by Hollanitsch to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Gina Nukala