

Cook Chamber of Commerce

May 2, 2011

President Lisa Ojanen called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. at the VFW.

Members Present: Lisa Ojanen, Karen Hollanitsch, Ida Haxton, Robin Pliml, Verdella Musech & Lois Pajari.

Minutes: Motioned by Pajari, seconded by Pliml to approve. Motioned carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$3,859.59, Savings \$1,321.57, Money Market \$28,121.78, Take-A-Kid Fishing \$6,930.67, Art Group \$2,366.40. Motion by Hollanitsch, seconded by Haxton to approve. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Northwoods Art Group- They are renting the space next to Dream Weaver, formerly Silent Prints and planning to organize their own 501C3.
2. Flags- Lindgren reported that 68 are needed. Hollanitsch wrote up a press release with a form to fill out for persons to purchase a flag in honor or memory of someone. Price is \$25. She will take it to the Cook News Herald. It will also be put on the Chamber web site, mailed to all chamber members and Don Simonson for his web site. A memorial plaque with all the names will be located at the VFW and City Hall.
3. Timberdays- Volunteers are asked to call Lisa Ojanen or Time Johnson. More children's events are needed. Any help or suggestions would be appreciated.
4. East Egg Hunt- 218 baskets distributed. Huge success! Many thanks to the chamber members who worked on this event.
5. Social media- Paypal account was set up by Gina.
6. Scholarship- Musech presented it on May 9th at the awards ceremony.
7. Billboard- No information.
8. Secretary- Consensus is that one is needed. Tabled until after Timber Days.
9. Fundraiser- Motion by Hollanitsch, seconded by Haxton to raffle a four-wheeler. 1500 tickets to be sold for \$10 each. Tentative drawing on Timbers Days or once the tickets are sold. July 20th Deadline. Tom Ojanen will make arrangements for the purchase. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Boarder Station- news release- U.S. Customs and the Border Protection announced summer hours at Ely, Crane Lake, International Falls and Grand Marais.
2. Barrel Train- Pajari reported Gene Trout asked if the Chamber would like to purchase this. Consensus is that the Chamber is not in the business to own equipment.
3. Next Meeting June 5, 2011, 5:00 p.m. at the VFW.

Motioned by Hollanitsch, seconded by Haxton to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Verdella Musech