

Cook Chamber of Commerce

September 12, 2011

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

Members Present: Lisa Ojanen, Ida Haxton, Verdella Musech, Gina Nukala, Rich Crettol & Jill Gilley.

Minutes: Correction the name Hannen was spelt wrong it should be Annen. Motioned by Musech, seconded by Crettol to approve. Motioned carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$11,887.31, Savings \$1,324.04, Money Market \$28,216.65, Take-A-Kid Fishing \$9077.55. Motion by Nukala, seconded by Musech to approve. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Lions Club Coupons: Mark Eyre wrote the chamber a letter and also came and spoke with us at the meeting. If we would buy 100 Lions Club coupon books at a rate of \$5.00 a book it would have "Sponsored by Cook Chamber" on the back of each coupon and the coupon could be torn out of the book before redeemed. The item was discussed. A motioned was made by Ojanen, seconded by Haxton to buy 100 coupon books to disperse to resorts that are chamber members & to see if they can remove the do not remove off of the coupon. Motioned carried.
2. Dunk Tank: Ojanen called Baptist Church and they will get back to her on the matter.
3. Chamber Director/Secretary: Crettol showed us a financial statement comparing our balances from 2010 to this year. We have an increase of \$14,640.00 Rich proposed to create a budget of about \$10,000 per year to grow the Chamber. He suggested hiring a Director for the chamber. This position would handle the mail, pay bills, seek out and write grant requests, create new services and ideas, etc. The item was discussed A committee was set up to write a job description. The committee consists of Ojanen, Crettol, Gilley & Nukala.
4. Range view Publication: Nukala gave Timberdays info. It will be on next year's calendar.
5. Music in Park: Good turn out over 30 people attended. Eric will coordinate with us for next event. Discussed schedule for next year. Have it start on the 2nd & 4th wed of June, July & August. Ojanen will talk with Eric to see if this works. Motioned by Crettol, Seconded by Haxton to have the event for next year at above times.

New Business

1. Northern Community Internet: Website that promotes events in our area. Nukala will look into getting our info on webpage.
2. New Business Certificate: A certificate will be presented to Propane Plus, North Country Computers, & Northwoods Friends of the Arts.
3. Spice up Cook: Ojanen will talk to Sue Martin to see what will work for her for scheduling the event.
4. Cook School: As a chamber we should be proactive in looking into what is going to be done with the old Cook School.
5. Nominations are next meeting for the President & Treasurer.
6. Next meeting will be on October 3rd, 2011 6:00 p.m. at the Crescent.

Motion by Nukala, seconded by Haxton to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Gina Nukala