

**Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**  
**Monday, July 20, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Houston Nature Center**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Nancy Forsyth (Treasurer), John Evenson (Secretary), Ron Evenson (Chamber Member), Marlene Schultz (Chamber Member), Taylor Laschenski (Director), Mark Swenson (Chamber Member)

- I. Meeting was called to order by Nancy at 5:45 p.m.
- II. Minutes from June's meeting were approved. John motioned to approve, Ron seconded. Motion carried.
- III. Nancy presented the Chamber's current balance: \$9,773.08.
  - A. Two checks from the Senior Recognition Program are outstanding (\$200 total).
  - B. \$250 donation was given to Valley View for a Mollie B concert.
- IV. Old Business:
  - A. Hollidazzle - Ron will follow up on venue/insurance. Marlene shared that the committee plans to meet in August. We will proceed as is for now.
  - B. Chamber Members - Taylor will follow up with Chris on new membership.
  - C. Explore MN Crisis Grant - The Chamber has applied and been approved for this grant. Plans for the use of funds were discussed.
  - D. Valley View Concert - Chamber sponsored a Mollie B concert for Valley View residents recently; the concert was also streamed.
  - E. Block Party - Plans are uncertain at this time. John will follow up with Luke, Chris, Rod.
- V. New Business:
  - A. Root River Trail Towns Update
    1. Taste of the Trail Cancelled - The official event has been cancelled.
    2. New brochures are in. Taylor will distribute them to the Nature Center, City Hall and the Owl Center.
    3. Bike groups will be traveling through the area over the next few days. Several local businesses have been notified of potential visitors.

B. Taylor will follow up with DNR reps that attend Trail Towns meetings on Root River Trail projects and maintenance from Houston to Rushford.

VI. John motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ron. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Submitted by Taylor Laschenski, Director