

**Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**  
**Monday, May 18, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Chris Schroeder (President), Rod Torgerson (Vice President), Nancy Forsyth (Treasurer), Taylor Laschenski

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chris at 5:36 p.m.
- II. Minutes from April's meeting were reviewed. Rod motioned to approve, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
- III. Nancy presented the Chamber's current balance: \$10,779.63.
- IV. Old Business:
  - A. Hollidazzle - On the Chamber being the event's fiscal agent, we will follow up with Ron regarding insurance/liability the event and venue in June.
  - B. Chamber Members - Chris will contact local businesses who are not currently members.
  - C. Lawn Chair Concert Series has been cancelled for 2020.
  - D. Our \$1,000 donation was sent to the Food Shelf.
- V. New Business:
  - A. The Chamber website has been updated with a new design and layout. Small updates continue.
  - B. The Explore MN marketing grant for 2020 has been cancelled by the state due to the limited advertising and tourism available for grant recipients. We will turn in and report on any funds used from Jan. through June. Explore MN plans to open a new grant for tourism following COVID-19 in July.
  - C. Block Party - Still planned for 2020. We will adjust activities as needed for distancing pending gathering restrictions. The Root River Triathlon has been postponed to the same day, Sept. 26.
  - D. 2020 Senior Recognition Awards - Chris proposed a mini award program for Houston High School's 2020 seniors. We will ask for application forms to be submitted with the student's name and short essay on their plans after high school for some form of continued education (be it college/tech/vocational school,

military, apprenticeship, etc.). Rod motioned to approve up to \$100 per senior student, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Ron motioned to adjourn, seconded by Nancy. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

June's board meeting will be held at Schroeder's Heating & Cooling.

Submitted by Taylor Laschenski, Director