

**Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

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

- I. Meeting was called to order by Nancy at 5:42 p.m.
- II. Minutes from October's meeting were approved. Ron motioned to approve, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
- III. Nancy presented the Chamber's current balance: \$7,592.08.
 - A. \$2,250 to City of Houston for Chamber director position reimbursement
 - B. Deposits received for park and parade committee trees
 - C. Nancy will reimburse Taylor for Business Trick-or-Treat supplies: \$17.53
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Hollidazzle Update - All events cancelled. Lights in the park will be on at dusk on Dec. 5. The group opted against a parade.
 - B. Business Trick-or-Treat: Only 9 entries for the pumpkin decorating contest were received (vs 21 last year). Traffic in town appeared to be slightly down but similar to previous years.
 - C. Annual Chamber Meeting: Discussed options for updating members and election of 2021 officers/board if a full meeting is not held. A potential option is to call a special virtual meeting just for this purpose and invite all members.
 1. We will make a final decision at Dec.'s board meeting.
 - D. Marlene discussed receiving \$400 for park decorations from the Community Foundation.
 - E. Marlene provided an update on Community Center Fundraising and has a list of items the Chamber could fundraise for. Still on track with the current plan of brainstorming fundraisers for later in the spring.
- V. New Business:

- A. Discussed Rushford's chamber/business decorating light poles as an example of an on-hold idea for a fundraiser.
 - 1. Also discussed the option of applying for funding through the Community Foundation for new holiday decorations on city light posts.

VI. John motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rod. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Submitted by Taylor Laschenski, Director