

**Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting  
Monday, February 17, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Houston Legion  
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Chris Schroeder (President), Rod Torgerson (Vice President), Nancy Forsyth (Treasurer), John Evenson (Secretary), Taylor Laschenski (Director), Marlene Schultz

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chris at 5:32 p.m.
- II. Two representatives with past experience organizing Hollidazzle activities asked that the Chamber act as Hollidazzle's fiscal agent (to include kids' activities and Dashing Through the Snow run). Ron motioned to approve the request, John seconded. Motion carried.
  - A. Ron will look into insurance concerns regarding the event/venue.
  - B. Hollidazzle volunteers/committee will meet March 22 at 2 p.m., Houston Legion to discuss a long-term plan and 2020 details. Representatives from the Chamber will attend.
- III. Minutes from January's annual member meeting were reviewed. Ron motioned to approve, seconded by Rod. Motion carried.
- IV. Nancy presented the Chamber's current balance: \$11,559.18. Nancy will send a current 2020 membership list to the board.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Previously approved bylaws changes were reviewed.
  - B. Attendance and topics of January's annual meeting were discussed.
  - C. Explore MN grant reimbursement for 2019 was received.
- VI. New Business
  - A. Houston County requested use of the driveway at the Hoedown grounds for its household hazardous waste event on May 23, 2020. Ron will check availability; pending that, Ron and John will check for approval from the Hoedown board. Taylor will notify Fingers in Motion of traffic if approved.
  - B. A potential request for a Chamber-sponsored bike rack outside Root River Market was discussed. Taylor will check with the City on possible supply, and Chamber will potentially follow up after. Main street upkeep, visual impact, and visitor appeal was discussed.
  - C. Looking ahead, Lawn Chair Concert Series arrangements will begin soon.
- VII. Ron motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rod. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted by Taylor Laschenski, Director