

Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Hosted by the International Owl Center at 5:30 p.m.

Monday September 18, 2023

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Karla to give a presentation on the new Owl Center
- III. August Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Michelle Hoskins and seconded by John Evenson - motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Balance – Motion made by Michelle Hoskins and seconded by John Evenson.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Block Party – Was going well till the rain started. The kids enjoyed the bounce house and snow cones. Suggestion for next year have a free will donation box, a lot of the people were willing to pay or donate. John suggested that we maybe look into a farmers’ market with 10 vendors, will work on that for next year. The beer taste went well. This is a community event sponsored by the Chamber and not a fund raiser.
 - b. Shed update, Margaret talked to Keil at the school and this fall he doesn’t have a class that could build the shed, but in the Spring he does have an advance class that they maybe could do it then. Keil said if not this year for sure next year.

Keil was excited to work with the Chamber on a Community project.

- c. Welcome Baskets, Margaret is working with the city to find out who has moved into the community. We have had 5 new residents move into the community since May. Margaret will start to disburse the baskets.

VI. New Business

- a. RRTT meeting to be held in Houston on Wednesday September 20th. Margaret and Marlene will be attending the meeting on Wednesday and Kristin would like to know what RRTT has to offer to the local communities and Margaret will inquire about what they advertise and how.
- b. Upcoming Events
 - i. October
 - 1. Historic Forsyth House Murder Mystery, Michelle said they are doing a trial run this Friday and have 7 people signed up right now.
 - 2. Business Halloween is scheduled for Friday October 27th. Margaret will contact RSB to see about hotdogs etc.. and if the Pumpkin Contest can be held in their parking lot. Margaret has emailed the businesses and has asked them to respond by Monday October 9th if they would like to be listed on the flyer.
 - ii. November – Small Business Saturday, Ron asked if anybody knew if Mary Denzer was doing her show like she has in the past. We should investigate it and see if she is.
 - iii. December – Holidazzle. Marlene and Michelle gave an update on the event. Marlene said that the park will now be called Christmas in the Park vs tied with

Holidazzle. The event will be the same weekend as Holidazzle just wants to have their own entity.

- c. Presentation on the new Owl Facility. Karla gave us a report on the progress of the new Owl Facility and where they are at. Karla talked about that the weekend of October 27th – 29th there is a Owl _____ at Stoney Creek in La Crosse Wi. Houston isn't big enough to hold the event. There will be two presentations on Sunday October 29th at the High School.
- vii. Adjournment – Motion made by Vicki and seconded by Michelle Hoskins meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.