

Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Internship Position – Ashley Lachenski - approved
- III. December Meeting Minutes – Approved by Ron Evenson and 2nd by Patrick Forsyth
- IV. Treasurer’s Report –
 - a. Houston Bucks that were sold in the month of December was \$4,390.00
 - b. Approved by Rod Torgerson and 2nd by Ron Evenson
- V. Old Business
 - a. Explore Mn Grant Marketing – Visit Bluff Country Ad
 - i. Margaret updated that the Grant was submitted, but also needed to set up an Ach account with the State, due to that is the only way do fund now.
 - b. Holiday update
 - i. Chamber to incorporate Business and Residential Xmas contest and give out Houston Bucks for the winners.
 - ii. Michelle Hoskins updated that the Park Committee will be meeting in the future and to discuss some new items for the park

- iii. Margaret Knutson updated on the school portion of Holidayz and they are looking at changing a few things and also applying for funds from Operation Roundup.
- c. Houston Bucks – sold \$4,390.00 received back in \$1,090.00. (Discussed up under the Treasures Report).
- d. Membership Drive.
 - i. We have 3 businesses that have sent in there membership paperwork and will disburse Decal's to the businesses.

VI. New Business

- a. Annual Chamber Meeting and Election of Officers (date and time) – annual Membership meeting will take place on Monday March 20th at 5:30 at Timeless Creations.
 - i. Fillmore County Journal contacted the Chamber regarding attending the meeting. – Board approved of notification to the paper, Margaret to contact them with the time and place of Annual Membership meeting.
 - ii. President position will be available at the Annual meeting, Chris is stepping down
- b. Presentation from HAPI: Bryan and Diane Forsyth talked about the HAPI house and what their plans are. HAPI is a 501C.
- c. Discussed BAM (Bicycling Around Minnesota) potentially coming to Houston in August and spending the night. We would be responsible to help them find a cater for Supper, names for Entertainment, Beer tent and Breakfast in the morning. BAM has been in contact with the City and John at the Nature Center as well in logistics about where they can set up camping. Chamber is a 100% in approval to help BAM come to Houston.

d. Chamber Meetings are to be the 3rd Monday of each month going forward with the February meeting.

VII. Adjournment – Approved by John Evenson and seconded by Rod Torgerson.

Notes taken by Margaret Knutson – Chamber Director