

Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce

Monday November 15, 2021

Bank of Missouri Community Room

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00pm

1. Roll Call:

a. Board Members

- i. President: Israel Doba
- ii. Vice President: Dan Dunn
- iii. Secretary: Brandy Letner / Michelle Piotrowski
- iv. Treasurer: Sonya McClendon
- v. Board Member: James McClendon
- vi. Board Member: Carol Rickerson
- vii. Board Member: Renee Rickerson – Absent
- viii. Board Member: Kathleen Creamer - Absent

b. Members Present:

- i. Roger Graves
- ii. Lacey Rollins
- iii. John Piotrowski
- iv. Kirk Wilson

c. Guest Present

- i. Harry Gray

2. Guest Comments: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

4. Reports: None

5. Old Business

a. Trunk or Treat

- i. Went well, many positive comments
- ii. Need to get names of booth winners for pictures
- iii. Lakeside pet winners are posted on Lakeside Facebook page.
- iv. Need to check into new Chamber table banner. Need to check and see if there is a new one in storage before we order one
- v. *Many positive comments about the dogs*
- vi. Check into possible vendors with schools and or food

b. Miss Christmas Pageant

- i. Great job Lacey!
- ii. The little girls were so cute as they interacted with Santa
- iii. Missed Grinch, but next year looking at a Grinchy Christmas Theme
- iv. Question asked about having People Choice in each age division
 1. Concern over how to address a tie. This was a problem in the past
 2. This is why went to having just 1 overall

New Business

- c. Christmas in Dixon "Hometown Christmas"
 - i. December 18th 4pm – 8pm Old Oak Station
 - ii. Carriage Rides, Pictures with Santa
 - iii. Monte & Laura working on this
 - iv. Mario looking into doing something in the Park
 - v. No Parade this year not enough time
 - vi. Next planning meeting is Thursday November 18th at 6pm in Old Oak Station
 - 1. Lacy & Michelle will attend and represent the Chamber
 - vii. Chamber donated leftover candy from Trunk or Treat to Hometown Christmas event. Kirk and Harry took the candy for the event.

- d. Bleachers
 - i. Working with MollyJo. She will get an estimate.
 - ii. Cannot happen until the Spring
 - iii. Will be done in AG classes

- e. GFCL's
 - i. Approved for repairs to be done
 - ii. Repairs were not done
 - iii. Think check was written. Will need to check with Ann (?) In looking through checkbook there was a check for \$683 written in 2019 and one for \$441 in 2018. Sonya will do more research and report back next month.

- f. Secretary Position
 - i. Brandy Letner has not attended a meeting all year

Sonya McClendon made a motion to remove Brandy Letner as Secretary 2nd by Roger Graves. All in favor, Motion passed

Sonya McClendon made a motion to appoint Michelle Piotrowski to fill the Secretary position until the elections in March, 2nd by Carol Rickerson.
All in Favor, Motion Passed

- g. Bank Accounts
 - Sonya McClendon made a motion to remove Brandy Letner as a signer on the bank accounts and add Michelle Piotrowski. Lacey Rollins, Israel Doba, Kathleen Creamer and Sonya McClendon will stay as signers. 2nd by Lacey Rollins
All in Favor, Motion Passed

h. Pulaski County Tourism Board

- i. Roger Graves currently holds the chamber position on the tourism board and has held the position for the last 10ish years. He will be stepping down at the end of this term (end of December 2021). We need to elect a new representative The tourism board would like the chamber to submit three names for them to interview and select from. They meet quarterly on a Thursday in St Roberts. After some discussion there was only one person interested.

Roger Graves made a motion to appoint Michelle Piotrowski to be the Dixon Chamber representative on the Pulaski County Tourism Board, 2nd Lacey Rollins.

All in Favor, Motion Passed

i. Spring Fling

- i. Second Weekend in April, April 9th 9am – 5pm
- ii. Ideas
 1. Nursery
 2. Plant sales
 3. Gardening club
 4. Baby chicks
 5. FFA – farm animals for sale
 6. Antique alley
 7. Jacob's Cave Style
 8. Food trucks
 9. Hayrides between areas – Kirk Wilson
 10. Citywide yard sale
 11. Swaps (senior class parking lot area) Jason contact (animals, junk, antiques, ag)
 12. Demonstrations (wood, metal, quilts, food, etc.)
 13. Gun show
 14. Entertainment
- iii. Need to have Committees
 1. Food Vendors
 2. Ag (Antiques, Swap, Junk)
 3. Vendors (Crafts)
 4. Demonstrations
 5. Yard Sale
 6. Entertainment
 7. Advertising (Connie), social medial and print
 8. Logistics (Traffic, Porta Potties, Emergency Management Director)

- iv. Members Meeting in March
 - 1. If hold third Monday would be March 21st
 - 2. Check with Leos to see if we can hold there like we did last year
 - 3. Will discuss more next month
- v. 4th of July
 - 1. Fireworks
 - 2. Roger has a connection for Fireworks
 - 3. Idea of community Picnic before Fireworks
- vi. Cow Days - September
 - 1. Electricity issue
 - 2. Volunteer issue
 - 3. Letter to School Superintendent to all group / club leaders to be members of the Dixon Chamber. This will allow the chamber and the school to work better as a team as many of the organizations require volunteer work and the chamber can help with that.
- vii. Ideas to get the chamber out in the community view
 - 1. Sports events
 - a. Half-time free throw contest
 - 2. Business spotlights
 - a. Talk with Connie
 - i. Cost?
 - ii. Videos?
- j. Any other comments
 - i. Comments that we would like to see us make this the biggest and best Cow Days Dixon has ever had
 - ii. The Power issue has to get resolved. Either we rent generators or need to move the stage.
 - iii. Fort Leonard Wood units can adopt a community and support it. We need to find out how to get a unit to adopt Dixon. Then they can help with volunteers for events. Israel will follow up and see what he can find out.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by James, 2nd by Carol Rickerson, All in Favor,
Motion Passed

6. Adjournments of Meeting at 7:30pm

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes which were approved by the Board of Directors.

Michelle Piotrowski 12-20-2021
Michelle Piotrowski, Secretary Date