

Hotchkiss Community Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Meeting Nov. 7, 2012
Hotchkiss Library Basement

Attending: Tom Wills; Nathan Sponseller, president; Marsy Moore; Rhonda Duclo, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Sponseller.

Moore moved to accept the minutes as emailed. Motion was seconded by Wills and carried.

Wills moved to accept the financial report as presented. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

Corresponding Secretary Report was given by Sponseller in the absence of Katherine Colwell.

We now have 100 members. There are photos of the annual meeting on the Hotchkiss website. Photos of the Business Symposium in Paonia are on the NF website. Colwell is working on the master mailing list for all three chambers.

Old Business:

- DMEA upgrade to the visitor center was discussed. Several people from DMEA (contractors, architects, etc. will meet with Sponseller and any other interested chamber member at 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 14. The access door will be locked at that time and work will begin. The plan is for a mid-Dec. opening. Signage and lighting were discussed. There will be no wi-fi. We will keep the brochure racks in their current location with a backing for art or displays. We will need a smaller map.
- Annual meeting: There were about 26 guests at the annual meeting held in the Hotchkiss Library and Addams Room of Memorial Hall on Nov. 1. Tom Wills, Marsy Moore and Elaine Brett were elected for the Chamber Board. Awards were given to The Rose – Business of the Year, Carrie Coates – Principle of the Hotchkiss K-8 School – Citizen of the Year, Lions Club for the Non-profit of the year. Wills gave a presentation on downtown improvement and Brett gave a presentation on Heart and Soul. King Robertson from Memorial Hall talked about the upgrades that are being made to the Hall.
- Business Symposium was held in Paonia Nov. 3. About 33 in attendance. Most were from Paonia. There were a lot of good ideas and energy.

New Business:

- Art, Craft and Business Fair will be held at Memorial Hall on Nov. 17 from 9 – 4. The main room is filled and some vendors have rented space in the Addams Room.
- The membership campaign will begin soon. We will probably mail our own applications the end of November if we can get the information from the other chambers by then. Paonia no longer has a bulk mailing permit.

Committee Reports:

- Wills handed out copies of the proposed plans for Downtown improvement. The town will be contributing \$2800 for the project. There will be planters on the side street corners on one block for this year. The Chamber will discuss our commitment at the next board meeting. The bank will probably okay planting trees by the vacant lots. There needs to be a fund for maintenance. There is a sidewalk ordinance that provides for sidewalk repair.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Library basement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Rhonda Duclo, acting secretary