

# ARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Minutes of the May 8, 2017 General Meeting

- **Present:** The following members and guests were present: Tiffany Brockhoff, Derek Hahn, Kurt Menk, Bob Thomes, Matt Nelson, Amy Newsom, Greg Goblirsch, Terry Klages, Dwight Grabitske, Wendell Terlinden, Liza Donabauer, Leah Prah, Marie Kreft, Todd Sandberg, Lyle Rud, Justin Davis
- **Meeting Minutes:** February minutes were approved from previous meeting along with current April minutes.
- **Treasurer's Report:** No financial report.
- **Arli-Dazzle Festivities:**  
Committee met May 5<sup>th</sup>, discussion on new events, looking for recommendations from community on new events to add to the event. Some suggestions were Christmas Market and a Barnyard.
- **Breakfast on the Farm:** They are still looking for volunteers for the day before and the day of an e-mail will go out to all Chamber members. Tables will remain the same as last year using the wood and cement from Haggemiller lumber. Tickets will be available soon.
- **Fright Night:** There was no report.
- **Farmers Market:** There was a display on site at the Spring into Arlington event. Julianne was available for vendors to sign up. SCPH is also assisting in this program.
- **Chamber Banquet:** There was light attendance; however, there was a great speaker - Director of EDA for Hutchinson. Awards were given out; Kurt reported they got the plaques from Nicholson and that they turned out great.
- **Spring Into Arlington:** Positive comments coming through on the event. Committee looking into moving it to May for next year.
- **Chamber Night at the Ball Park:**  
Terry requested sending out an e-mail asking for prizes from Chamber members such as monogrammed items from the businesses or even gift certificates. He will need these items by July 5.
- **Vice President:** There is still a need for a Vice-President for 2017. No candidates yet.
- **Chamber Website:** Terry Klages handed out to members a letter stating his concerns about being micromanaged on the website. He stated that he had never needed to report all subjects that are being posted prior to posting to the Chamber President and he doesn't feel he could continue to be Chamber webmaster if he has to do this. He

stated if Chamber votes to have everything reported to President prior that he would need to resign form this position.

- **Women in Business Event:** There was no new information to report other than the Chamber is looking for someone to share the responsibility with the EDA. Anyone interested should let Leah know.
- **Chamber Facebook Page:** No update
- **Donation Policy:** Suggestion to establish a budget for any donations and a policy on how the Chamber handles them. Right now donations seem rushed, and there isn't a policy to follow on how we donate and how much. A suggestion of items we are donating or to which groups we are donating to on a regular basis would be helpful along with a budget to determine where funds should go. A decision of holding a special Board member meeting to discuss budget so it may be approved at next Chamber meeting was set. Leah will e-mail all Board members to set this meeting up prior to next General Meeting.
- **Featured Business of the Month:** The EDA for the month of May elected Trocke Construction. Questions on how the Chamber makes the next selection and what format to use was addressed. Leah would check with Holly Kreft to get what information they use in this process.

Being there was no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The motion passed unanimously.

**\*Next meeting June 12, 2017- Noon at EMS Building**