

ARLINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of the June 12, 2017 General Meeting

- **Present:** The following members and guests were present: Tiffany Brockhoff, Derek Hahn, Kurt Menk, Bob Thomes, Amy Newsom, Greg Goblirsch, Terry Klages, Wendell Terlinden, Todd Sandberg, Justin Davis, Sondra Foster, Holly Kreft, Jim Heiland, Kevin Lindstrand, Sierra Fedder
Meeting was called to order by Kevin Lindstrand in absence of Leah Prah.
- **Meeting Minutes:** May minutes reviewed and approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Review of financial report, possibly looking to move funds to a money market account. Some of the funds in the balance are left from Arlington Dollars that are just sitting out there from years past.
- **Arli-Dazzle Festivities:**
Next meeting is set for 6/16/17 at noon at the EMS building. Gambling permit has been approved for the raffle.
- **Breakfast on the Farm:** Counts were down; approximately 300 people were in attendance for the event. Chair Tiffany Brockhoff reported that the lack of volunteers was a concern for the upcoming year. Each year when having it at a farm location versus the fairgrounds lifts up the concern of enough help to haul items needed and set up/take down for this event. They are looking for more committee members and volunteers.
- **Fright Night:** There was no report.
- **Farmers Market:** There was a delay in start date to 6/19/17.
- **Chamber Banquet:** Nothing new to report
- **Spring into Arlington:** Nothing new to report other than possibly looking into another date for next year.
- **Chamber Night at the Ball Park:** Terry is still looking for prizes for the event to be held on 7/21/17 at 7:30pm.
- **Vice President:** There is still a need for a Vice-President for 2017, Kevin stressed that if someone doesn't step up soon there could end up being a vote with members around the table at an upcoming meeting. One thing that was addressed is that this candidate would not be solely in charge of any of the Committees. There are chairpersons for each of the Committees.
- **Chamber Website:** Webpage has been updated and continues to be updated.

- **Women in Business Event:** Holly Kreft reported that no one has agreed from the Chamber to help run this program so at this time they are going to delay it until this fall.
- **Chamber Facebook Page:** Terry asked who was running this page and if he was able to get access to update and add to it on a regular basis. He said it still reflects the Spring into Arlington event. He was directed to see Leah Prahll as she is the one that set it up.
- **Chamber Budget:** A report drawn up by Treasurer Kevin Lindstrand was passed out to show what the Board members had discussed at the special meeting. This report listed a summary of what the budget could entail. At the end of this budget it reflected around \$4000 to be used for partnerships/donations if the Chamber agreed to it. Kurt Menk stated that the reason for this budget to be drawn up was to be a guide for when other organizations or businesses come to the Chamber asking for a partnership or donation. At this time there was no guideline or policy. Most were being approved immediately at the meeting without enough time to ask questions or make a decision. A motion was made to accept requests for partnerships/donations with the exception that they would be approved or denied within 2 meetings. This would allow the first meeting to discuss the request and the second to make the approval or denial. This motion was accepted.
- **Featured Business of the Month:** The Business of the Month was chosen; this month Jerry's Home Quality will be spotlighted. This month the Business was sponsored by the Arlington Chamber. Holly explained on how they are chosen: it is a random selection through the computer program.

A few items were brought up at the end of the meeting:

Membership Dues are still coming in due to the businesses stating that they never received it. Tiffany Brockhoff stated that for next year the Chamber needs to go back to e-mailing them as the mail became a questionable route. There was a lot of mail coming back due to incorrect addresses or businesses stating that they didn't receive them.

Fair Booth: Discussion around the table was to have a fair booth again at the Sibley County Fair. Before a motion was made, Tiffany brought up the need for the lack of volunteering from the years past. Discussion was made that the booth would be a self-running booth and the Arli-Dazzle raffle tickets will not be sold at the booth. This would alleviate all the need for volunteers; however, it still takes someone to plan and stage, set up, check daily on the booth and take it down at the end of the Fair. Tiffany agreed to do the planning, staging, and set up along with Bob Thomes, Derek Hahn and Amy Newsom who would check on it daily and refill when needed. Terry and Derek agreed to take it down at the end of the Fair. Terry will also get the application in with the Fair Board.

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

***Next meeting July 10, 2017- Noon at EMS Building**