

The meeting was called to order by President Alexis O’Hair at 12:12. Other members present include: Natasha Eagan, Cintia Sanchez, Liz Watson, Marla Houtz, April Kerbo, Megan Frownfelter, Becky Ellis, Mindy Dougherty, Angela Abney, Tim Hardy, Forrest Cornwell, Lexi Gibson, Rachel Stiver, Leo Carrillo, Sheri Butler, Kylee Harrison, Darrin Figgins, Tanya Espino, Nancy Brewer, Kent Boaldin, Lindsay Alvarado, and Kylee Gallegos.

A motion was made by Angela to approve minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Mindy.

Natasha gave the treasurer's report; account balance is \$14,769.78.

Old business:

Alexis gave a recap of the business incentives, tourism, and collaboration with the Coalition that the Chamber Board has been working on during the break. She also provided information about a REAP grant that is available to some businesses. She says to reach out to her if you are interested in learning more about the grant. She also thanked everyone who helped with or attended the concert.

New Business:

Wine walk is scheduled for Nov 1st. 25 businesses have signed up to participate so far, contact Natasha if you’d like to participate.

The group voted on the Christmas parade theme, the winning theme being “Winter Wonderland”.

Will be having light in the park again, we need to know what you’re bringing in advance so we can organize electricity. That can be done through Alexis or Natasha.

Pink Friday/Shop Small – Chamber will send out a blast with ways to participate, contact Alexis if you need help with promotion.

Business updates:

Garnand Funeral Home – Tanya Espino will be apprenticing with them for a year.

Health Department - Drive through Flu Clinic scheduled for October 23rd

TCEC – October is National Coop month. TCEC is hosting a “Pumpkins in the Park” October 6th in Guymon. Smart Hub app will require two-factor authentication.

City of Elkhart – Leo attended the Home products dinner in Grant County and shared that he received compliments about Whistle Stop Park. He and Tim will be attending the Municipalities meeting in Oberlin Park. Leo will also be attending a meeting in Seward County with political candidates.

Tim added that Fire Prevention week is the same time as Homecoming so they will be waiting to host the kids until the week after but Chamber will share fire prevention in HUB. They are hoping to have Pool park finished by October 4th.

TBK – Business as usual

Pastor Cornwell – Men’s conference is November 22nd and Thanksgiving service November 23rd at 6pm.

First Capital Mortgage – Business as usual, staying busy and happy to be back.

Senior Center – Celebrated senior center month in September. Trude Perkins is turning 102, if you know of a centenarian let the Senior center know so they can celebrate them. October is open Medicare enrollment, contact Iris for assistance. The senior center will be participating in the wine walk. Monday is bingo and Friday is movie night. They will be having a last-minute Christmas market again this year. She also shared Simply Blessed' new hours.

Lion's Club – All rentals and business for the Scout Hut have been handed over to the City. October 13th is Highway clean up, meet at Church at Jake's barn at 5, wear good shoes!

State Farm – Someone drove into the building and those repairs have turned into a total remodel. They are operating out of the Harder building (two buildings to the left of their original location) while the remodel takes place.

Museum – They will host a speaker on October 25th, she has a presentation about the Aubrey trail. Becky also said that they have had a lot of out of town visitors and receive compliments about how great the museum is.

Nancy Brewer – the Ranger station is closed due to the government shut down. You can still drive out to the Grasslands, she asks for assistance from the public to keep trash picked up while they are out of the office. They are still working on a Grasslands management plan and will be hosting in person hearings for feedback from the public.

Elevate Wellness – Moved to a new location, same building as the Mainstreet Clinic. The Clinic is open. Lindsay has organized for the FLC to come to visit Elkhart, there will be more details later.

EHS – Homecoming LOT party October 9th during Middle school football. The parade and pep rally are on October 10th at 2:30. Battle of the Businesses is October 6th-9th and judging will take place October 10th. ACT Work Keys will take place at the Civic Center October 29th for Juniors. Iron man Volleyball and Powder Puff football October 2nd. Senior yearbook ads are for sale, contact Mrs. Houtz. The school play is Alice in Wonderland and will be on November 14th & 15th.

4-H – Enrollment is Open for 4-H, ages are 7-18 and Cloverbuds are 5 & 6 years old.

Big C's – Monthly calendar, trivia night is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Starting a text-based platform called Hot Plate.

Seaboard – Business as usual

Pate Agency – Business as usual

Eco Devo – still working hard on Childcare. Working on capacity building with the Coalition. The coffee shop is sold and hopefully opening soon. Lumberyard had an open house, lots of exciting changes coming.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Megan, Liz seconded; meeting adjourned at 12:54.