

Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce Minutes

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 12:00 PM

David's Diner

Attendance: Allison Everhart, Bill Berry, Deb Waggoner, Cindy Lawrey, Teresa Heater, David Heater, Kathy Gann, Sunni Goentzel, Curtis Goentzel, Kelly Arnberger, Nicole Campbell, Tina Friend

Minutes: October 6, 2021 minutes

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer announced opening balances and incoming expectations with the rapidly approaching festival season
- Teresa moved and Cindy seconded to accept minutes and financial report as written; passed
- David moved to pay SJC Lights \$1200 for Christmas lights downtown; Deb seconded; passed

OLD BUSINESS

- Membership drive: clarified requirements for first year free membership for businesses; if prior to July 1 till end of current year; if after July 1 till end of upcoming year. Tina moved and Bill seconded; passed
Mailer will be going out soon
- Halloween recap: good turnout. Elementary principal limited candy distributors to Chamber and businesses
- Mixer recap: it was a success. Cindy moved and Deb seconded to hold another one February 10, 2022 6:30-8:00pm; Sunni seconded: passed

NEW BUSINESS

- Tree lighting ceremony will be December 4; parade at 6 pm, tree light at 6:30; Santa 5-5:30 and 7-8; George Liebegott will be Santa

City News:

- Quiet Zone should be implemented at Highway 55 crossing December 15.
- Walk bridge on Friend Street almost complete.
- Water project for new water treatment plant and water tower continues, projected to be complete in 2024.
- New part time officer, Lantz Bateman: a new fulltime, Prida Poulima, starting November 9. Teresa Bateman made fulltime; Craig Divoll made assistant chief. .
- City wide cleanup success, 4 ½ dumpsters filled.
- Drug take back low turnout; 36.6 # taken back
- Patrol vehicle vandalism

School News:

- 5 cases of covid in district at this time.
- Conferences last week
- Winter activities starting
- Play in December
- Strategic planning—“Promoting a Culture of Curiosity”; communication improvement; looking at facility improvement needs.

Any Other News:

- VREC passed 100K in donations
- Tina will look into lighting contest
- Upcoming fundraisers:
 - Friday November 12 Pizza Hut (festival)
 - Friday November 12 Kansas Star (NFSR Rodeo)

Adjourn: Teresa moved and Deb seconded

Next meeting Monday, December 6, 2021 6:30pm at Belle Plaine Community Center