

Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce Minutes
Monday, December 6, 2021 6:30 PM
Belle Plaine Community Center

Attendance: Allison Everhart, Bill Berry, David Heater, Teresa Heater, Deb Waggoner, Kelly Arnberger, Cindy Lawrey, Cathy Sheets, Sunni Goentzel, Doug Hisken, Sarah Sipe, Scott Cyr, Jeff Cox, Annette Simpson, Darrin Rothgeb, Nicole Campbell, Tina Friend

Minutes: November 3, 2021minutes

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer reported balances and upcoming costs.

Cathy moved and Teresa seconded to accept minutes and financial report as written; passed

OLD BUSINESS

- Membership drive—combined chamber and festival to stuff mailer; will do promotional posters
- Tree lighting ceremony/open house recap—museum chili feed sold out of food; comments that parade could be earlier

NEW BUSINESS

- Porch/Yard contest (Cindy)—for festival; solicit garden centers to donate prizes
- HEAL nomination letter (Cindy)—Historic Economic; get letter from Mayor to benefit museum and other downtown buildings
- Festival News—considering beer garden, maybe using Caldwell Czech food truck

City News:

- Sidewalk/walking path at Morley Field being planned
- Implementing emergency water bill assistance; DCF program
- Library facelift
- QZ still on track (*snicker*) for December 15
- Coming soon; FT and PT officers

School News: 5 cases of covid, down from 9, in district at this time.

- Operation Compassion collected 8200 items
- Finishing accreditation (process cycle) this year of Culture of Curiosity
- Consider moving tree lighting and Santa to Thursday December 1, 2022

Any Other News:

- Speaker/Valley Ridge Elder Care; Doug Hisken
- SJC—54 students and 3 teachers helped set up park; it will cost \$996 to convert downtown lights to LED and \$350 to add 5th Street, plus \$1200 repeat from this year, total \$2456 needed in 2022; businesses could sponsor displays; city donated ½ one year (what year?); perhaps put on September or October 2022 agenda wish list to give funds.

Meeting in January: Yes, to make 2022 calendar

Teresa moved, Nicole seconded; passed

Adjourn: Deb moved and Tina seconded

Fundraisers:

- Saturday January 8th—Kansas Star Brian McKnight
- Will need at least events to benefit stage trailer

Next meeting January 3, 2022, 6:30 pm at Belle Plaine Community Center