

Chamber Minutes, Wednesday, March 26, 2008 - Toody's Sweet Treats

Members in Attendance: Megan Turek, Jeff Steinborn, Lynnea Bender, Tom Bender, Michael Kunkel, Dolores Hagen, Joel King, Quentin Gmach, Bud O'Neill, Laura Boelter, Reta Lind, Becky Pollack, Mary Ann Pilling, Ned Pilling, Sue Felmlee, Dee Thomas, Doug Thomas, Kathy Gibson Christensen, Jeff Hayden

Secretary's Report - m/DougThomas s/J.Steinborn; carried

Treasurer's Report: \$3537.48 - Savings; \$1095.28 - Checking; m/Turek, s/Hagen

OLD BUSINESS:

Entrepreneurial training: (Business Training) - Doug will talk to Kathy (Planscape) and Lon Berberich, to see if we could just do a "scaled down version" with approx. 15 people.

Music on Main - Doug is asking for the max grant amount of \$700 from Prairie Lakes Grant. May 16th has been set for the kickoff - 3 acts already organized ; 6 night available.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

SAUERKRAUT DAYS REPORT: Franks will sponsor - no decorated cans however; royalty new group is already organizing and disseminating information to interested girls; discussion of owl parade returning in some smaller version being considered.

HENDERSON FEATHERS- Dolores updated on the progress to date. "Store front" opened July 15, Art and Barb provide bird reports; Bird Counts have been preformed; Open house was held, over 100 attended. Videos have been placed on YouTube, MN Ornathologist field trip was held, 34 went on the trip; things are building and growing.

Discussion of providing Henderson Feather Merchandising items such as - caps, t-shirts, sweatshirts, prints, etc. estimates from Evolution include: T-shirts \$10; shirt w/pockets and left chest \$8.00; no pocket \$7; caps \$14; windbreaker \$36, etc. for our cost. There would be a retail mark-up on all items.

Sue Felmlee and Jeff Hayden have volunteered to help on feathers committee.
m/Turek; second/N.Pilling for \$1000 budget for Henderson Feathers committee to operate events and purchase merchandising items.

WEB SITE UPDATE: Chatter 561 members, up 10 since last meeting; Web site hit 2,000 unique visitors - new high....

RETAIL SUB COMMITTEE: Mike Kunkel reported that withink two weeks from now he will schedule a meeting for all who would like to participate....

HERITAGE DAYS - Reta Lind reported first meeting was held, planning and organizing events underway, including many new events. Next Committee meeting scheduled for April 2nd, 3:30 pm, Closing The Gap.

NEW BUSINESS:

Garage sale days - Discussed starting again on Friday evening, continuing into Saturday. Regarding the making of the map, Becky Pollack volunteered to help Tom Bender with Map. The addition of sidewalk sales with business participation discussed. Tom will place ad in the Independent based on what we ran last year.

m/Hagen; s/Turek to set the fee for registering your sale at \$10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ney Nature Center Spring Fling
Rain Garden - April 17th

Benefit For Lucas Henze - Taco Feed - Monday, March 31st, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm - \$10 Donation

m/jsteinborn; s/felmlee to adjurn.