

**Henderson Area Chamber**  
**April 24, 2024**  
**Henderson Library Meeting Room**

**Members Present:** Sue Felmlee, Becky Pollack, Fred Weise, Brenda Kotasek, Beth Cornish, Doug Thomas, Dana Melius, Dee Thomas, Jane Schuette, Keith Swenson and Tammy Nye

**Guests/prospective members:** none

**Call to Order:** President Sue Felmlee at 12 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve minutes made by Jane, seconded by Brenda, passed unanimously

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance \$7,350.59 as of April 15, 2024 includes eight garage sale ads paid on line and Sue has 10 more. Motion by Beth, seconded by Doug to approve, passed unanimously

**Old Business:**

**Membership numbers: 38 paid for 2024** – 12 new members - 8 paid

**City-wide garage sales:** Plan to advertise on KNUJ, KCHK and Mankato station – this is usually a loss-leader type event for the chamber with the goal of getting bodies to Henderson

**2024 ornament:** Dee said the sample is on the way – she will check on pricing/quantities and show the sample around town when it arrives; she is pricing leftovers from prior years at \$10; this year's price to be cost-dependent.

**New Business:**

1. **Billboard** – to be researched and developed by the marketing committee

2. **Chamber table for roll-ins:** Doug is in charge of these requests for the roll-in committee - will commit to the Chamber having a set-up just to the east of the barber shop (in the shade); asking Jeff to circulate assign-up sheet for chamber members to man the table; plan to have handouts from local groups and maybe support personnel from other groups to help man the table

3. **Summer raffle:** Becky to research

4. Discussed doing a stamp card for businesses – unanimous agreement to design something that people would get stamped after making a qualifying purchase at a chamber business – when complete redeem for Chamber Bucks – needs more work

**Projects/events/committee reports & Updates**

**Design Team Committee Updates:**

1. Housing – grant for Nytes project is proceeding
2. Parks and Recreation Committee: no meeting –brick fundraiser underway
3. Marketing Committee – haven't met for a while – trying to get something scheduled – need to design a graphic/slogan for social media
4. Downtown committee: Dana to do interview with Kelly Horning on the River Bottom opening
1. County Road 6 - closure began April 1 – local traffic only
2. Highway 93 – road closed as of 4/15 – Jeff to check with MnDOT about electronic billboards
3. City – insurance, planning & zoning in process
4. LS-H – No word on potential buyers for Henderson lots for sale
5. Scenic Byway Regional Trail – need to do a grant to help fund trail signage
6. National Ruby Throated Hummingbird Center –New brochures/flyers are designed; hope to have lease in place after 5/15 Henderson City Council meeting and start moving in on May 16.

**Community Calendar:** Ladies Night Out – 11/1, Small Business Saturday 11/30

**Next Meeting:** May 29 at noon.

Motion to adjourn by Beth, seconded by Dee – unanimous vote: 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Cornish, Secretary