**Henderson Area Chamber**

**July 26, 2023**

**Henderson Library Meeting Room**

**Members Present**: Sue Felmlee, Becky Pollack, Beth Cornish, Mary Ann & Ned Pilling, Tom Bender, Jane Schuette, Sharon Haggenmiller, Bobbie Harder, Fred Wiese, Keith Swenson, Brenda Kotasek, Marcia Parrott, Tim Pautsch and Doug Thomas

**Call to Order:** President Sue Felmlee at 12:05 p.m.

**Secretary’s Report:** Motion to approved made by Mary Ann, seconded by Marcia, passed by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Checking account balance as of 7/16/23 = $3,931.19

Expenses include KCHK, KNUJ, Independent, chamber dollars, income – school district membership

Motion made by Beth, seconded by Marcia to approve, passed unanimously

**Old Business:**

**Member ship numbers:** 23 as of July 20 plus 3 free

**Design Team Committee Updates:**

1. Doug met with Chad Adams from the Housing Partnership for the housing Committee and will meet again

2. Keith reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee is working on Splash Pad design and location and the committee got the thumbs up from the Henderson City Council – will attend next school board meeting

**Welcome Bags**: Need to check on the boundaries for the LS-H District.

**Flags on Main Street:**  Chase Boehne is changing the flags and the banners through his city contract

**New Business:**

1. Doug reported on the Small Town Grant application for building a strategic plan for the National Ruby Throated Hummingbird Center – will need public input – hope to have involvement from the UMN Extension

2. Bobbie and Keith provided an update on county business – CR6 should go to bid in October.

3. Talked about possible future activities like a community block party or Coffee/Happy hours for members

4. Discussed planning for Christmas – definitely continue the Santa program with candy – talk to Sharon or Jeff about sourcing treat bags. Plan to do tree lighting with carols and cocoa.

**Projects/etc.**

1. Doug reported the application for non-profit status for the Henderson Scenic Byway Regional Trail is done

2. Henderson Community Foundation grant applications are due August 15.

**Next Meeting:** August 30 at noon.

Beth moved and Mary Ann seconded to adjourn at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Cornish, Secretary