

**Henderson Area Chamber**  
**July 31, 2024**  
**Henderson Library Meeting Room**

**Members Present:** Sue Felmlee, Becky Pollack, Beth Cornish, Doug Thomas, Tammy Nye, Jeff Steinborn, Brenda Kotasek, Dana Melius, Jane Schuette, Mary Ann and Ned Pilling, Melissa Stevens, Keith Swenson. Brigid Tuck and Wendy Driscoll.

**Guests/prospective members:** none

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

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve minutes made by Beth, seconded by Mary Ann, passed unanimously

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking account balance \$6,590.11 as of July 15, 2024 includes \$50 in Chamber bucks income, \$10 paid out to Schuette's and 748.38 for Henderson ornaments. Savings account balance \$99.33. Motion by Beth, seconded by Jane to approve, passed unanimously

**Old Business:**

**Membership numbers: 38 paid for 2024** – 8 individuals, 3 life members, 7 non-profits and 23 businesses

**1. 2024 ornament:** The ornament will now be available for sale at \$23.

**2. Chamber table for roll-ins:** Becky has designed a sign-up sheet – table can be set up in front of HomeTown Bank or next to Doug's apple stand. Looking for one chamber rep and one non-profit to man the table each night

**New Business:**

**1. City Sales Tax:** This item to be on the November ballot was discussed briefly. Beth will write up for next meeting.

**2. Chamber Bucks:** Beth and Brenda raised some questions on how to buy and redeem Chamber Bucks – they must be purchased from Becky then the purchaser or holder must redeem by using at a Chamber business. The business then turns them in to Becky for reimbursement.

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

**Design Team Committee Updates:**

**1. County** – Wendy mentioned people driving on CR6 on Sundays and not using the lanes but acting like it is not a road.

**2. City** – Keith is working with the Federal government on funding for work from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps was in town to assess the levee and pronounced it fit but they have a lot of work to do trying to learn why we had such a high-water mark between St. Peter and Blakeley.

**3. School Board** – Brigid reminded everyone that there are open seats on the school board and that it would be great to continue Henderson participation on the board; seats also open for city offices. The new elementary school is on schedule to open MEA week and they are looking for groups or individuals with a truck or trailer to "adopt a classroom" to help the teachers move stuff from Park to the new school. Early MCA testing results show that LS-H scores are above average standards in 15 of 17 categories now, an increase from 9 of 17 when Wagner started as Superintendent.

**4. Regional Trail** – Doug reports it is being built along with the roadway and looks really wide; continuing to seek funding for a bridge over High Island Creek.

**5. Hummingbird Center** – The deck is mostly done and the view is amazing; Boehne's excavating for handicap access to lower level and a small patio on the lower level.

**6. Santa** – The Fire Department has volunteered to take over the Santa event assuming continued Chamber support – Beth moved and Becky seconded, unanimous approval

**7. Marketing committee:** The committee has not met for months, need to get this going over the winter so we can hit the ground running in the spring; both our Main Street boutiques are closing their doors.

**8. Grant opportunities** – Various groups will be writing grant requests for SMIF Small Town Grants.

**Community Calendar:** 9/22 – Community Worship service; 9/28 – Ney Fall Festival; Ladies Night Out – 11/1; Small Business Saturday 11/30

**Next Meeting:** August 28 at noon.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Cornish, Secretary