

**Henderson Area Chamber
March 27, 2024
Henderson Library Meeting Room**

Members Present: Sue Felmlee, Becky Pollack, Jeff Steinborn, Mary Ann and Ned Pilling, Fred Weise, Brenda Kotasek, Beth Cornish, Doug Thomas, Dana Melius. Keith Swenson and Tammy Nye

Guests/prospective members: Ted Melby, Eileen Brandt, Brigid Tuck

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance \$6,785.38 as of March 17, 2024 includes \$30 in Chamber bucks and \$173 in general operations; seven membership checks to be deposited; motion by Beth, seconded by Fred to approve, passed unanimously

Old Business:

Membership numbers: 34 paid for 2024 – 7 new members since 2014 when total was 37; 8 unpaid from 2023

Design Team Committee Updates:

1. Housing – none
2. Parks and Recreation Committee: no meeting – Post office window is done; brick fundraiser underway
3. City Wide garage sales: Becky is designing a new sign up form to include QR code for a link to the application and more information – payments will be set for on-line or in person at Hometown Bank. Jeff will send out forms when completed. (If this works the same system can be used for member payments.)
4. Marketing Committee – no one has heard from Scott? Chamber will support financially.

New Business:

1. Billboard – to be researched and developed by the marketing committee
2. Chamber table at Roll-ins – Doug Thomas is in charge of this for the HHAA; Becky is researching whether we can do two raffles without problems
3. 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
4. The 2024 Henderson Ornament has been ordered - a Mustang is in the design for 2024; Beth moved and Becky seconded with unanimous approval for Dee to see old ornaments at the price she sees fit

Projects/events/committee reports & Updates

1. County – signs are in place for CR 6 project – closure begins April 1
2. Highway 93 – roads to be closed as of 4/15 – Jeff to check with MnDOT about electronic billboards
3. City – Mayor Swenson reported that appraisals are underway for pre-construction on city buildings to update insurance coverage; new planning and zoning commission needs to rezone the church properties and the land around Hilltop.
4. LS-H – Board Chair Tuck reported that the two pieces of property around Hilltop have been listed for sale.
5. Scenic Byway Regional Trail – will be constructed in conjunction with CR6
6. National Ruby Throated Hummingbird Center – Continuing to plan; distributing forms for charter memberships; Brenda to promote at the Bluebird Recovery program in Redwood Falls on 4/20; New brochures/flyers are being designed.

Election of Officers: At the executive meeting on March 13 the following slate of officers was nominated and a unanimous ballot was cast:

President – Sue Felmlee; Vice President – Tammy Nye; Secretary – Beth Cornish; Treasurer – Becky Pollack; Communications Officer – Jeff Steinborn; members at large – Dee and Doug Thomas

Next Meeting: April 24 at noon.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Cornish, Secretary