

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> BLCC Meeting called to order 5:11 pm by Chris Nelson**

***Next meeting Monday April 26th at Top Spot***

***All meetings from here on out are going to be the 4th Mondays of each month***

Attendees: Steve Biza, Steve Voltz, Kurt Mayer, Jennifer Hanson, John Amrhien, Holly Helms, Sherrie Voltz, Caroline Rediske, Steve Rediske, Linda Heimstead, Chris Nelson

Motion to approve meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Steve Voltz seconded Kurt Mayer

Treasurer Report was given. Motion to approve by Jennifer Hansen. Seconded Steve Biza

Motion to approve agenda by Sherry Voltz, seconded by Steve Rediske

Agenda:

- Website Committee
- Freedom Fest
- Citywide Garage Sale
- Unity Scholarship Fund Committee
- Misc.

Website committee reported that they have investigated several other Chamber websites to see what we want to incorporate in our website. Would like more input on our Chamber goals, mission statement, etc. Steve Voltz expressed the need to build a website that can easily add growth to it for future needs. Chris Nelson gave advice on how to go about getting bids in order to expedite the website being up and running. The group discussed how to generate funds for the websites to include advertisers and memberships.

The Committee will continue to meet and will get bids back to the Chamber.

Discussion was had regarding why the current website is not working. People cannot look up info for Freedom Fest, Craft Fair, Fireworks, etc... We need to have info out on the web until the new website is developed.

Scholarship Fund- deadline is April 1 to apply. They will know the winners by the next month meeting and the amount is \$500.

City Wide Garage Sale- Linda Hillshiem proposed a plan for the sale. Monies would be generated to help fund the Unity Scholarship fund. Motion to approve by Chris Nelson and seconded by Caroline Rediske.

Freedom Fest-

Kid Event Coordinator- Holly Helms, will head up the various kid events for Freedom Fest. Will report back to Chamber.

Entertainment/Band Coordinator- Holly Helms, CityVibe will be playing on Sat. July 3.

Karaoke Idol Contest- Sherry will talk with Carol from Otter to see if her DJ service would be willing to promote the contest. It may help her add business too.

John Amrhien is in charge of putting together the schedule for the Beer Tent. Various businesses should be represented with logo shirts on for a period of time in beer tent.

Chris Nelson is in charge of food court. New vendors are wanting to come to Freedom Fest. He will look at adding these vendors to help generate income.

Discussed street closures for Freedom Fest. Looking to have canoe races follow the parade on Sunday. Will check with bank to use the parking lot for turtle races.

Chris Nelson went over the rules and regulations of Chamber. Explained some bi-laws and showed a packet that was sent to us on how to set up a Chamber.

Jennifer Hansen motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Voltz.