

West Union Chamber/Main Street
Board Meeting- March 10, 2015
6:45 A.M. at the Chamber office

Present: Bob Sadler, Amy Christensen, Carolyn Weber, Mike Johnson, Gail Hackman, Karla Organist, Dick Woodard, Greg Ptacek, Jon Biederman, Amie Johansen, Melody Patrick.

Also guests present: Duane Willhite, Tobin Britt, Jason Knox

Absent: John Pleggenkuhle, Carolyn Havenstrite, Jane Blumhagen, Patti Heuton, Allison Moschel, and Jennifer Tobin, program director

Greg Ptacek made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Jon Biederman. Approved.

Karla Organist made a motion to approve the February board minutes. Seconded by Amie Christensen. Approved.

Discussion was held in regards to appointing Mike Johnson to the board. Gail Hackman made a motion to approve with second by Carolyn Weber. Approved.

A discussion or re-organization was presented by members of the West Union Community Development Corp. The group is proposing joining in with the Chamber and Main Street boards as a potential subcommittee. Discussed possible coordination with the business improvement committee. Karla discussed legal aspects of the surviving entities following her visit with an accountant. She noted the bylaws need to be reviewed. The group discussed formulating language as to how to proceed. A committee made up of Melody Patrick, Greg Ptacek, and Karla Organist will discuss options and bylaws. Melody made a motion to keep the Main Street organization's 501C3 status, dissolve the Chamber, and use dba's for subgroups. Seconded by Greg Ptacek. Approved. In regards to necessary committees, the members discussed passing issues relating to the building to the organization committee. Noted some decision-making is to be allowed by the program director. Also discussed adding Community Development as a subcommittee.

As for the expenditures and approvals, there was discussion of what needs to be approved by the board vs what Jennifer may handle without approval.

Visited about directing particular bills to the corresponding committee rather than board dealing with each one. Anything not in the budget will need to be approved.

In regards to the financial reports, Gail Hackman moved to approve the authorizations for Jennifer for the Bank 1st credit card and as signer at Kerndt Brothers and Bank 1st bank accounts. Carolyn Weber moved to approve the Main Street financial report with second by Greg Ptacek. Approved. Mike Johnson moved to approve the Chamber financial report with second by Carolyn Weber. Approved.

Bob Sadler presented details on the proposal from Gage and Gage to repair the sewer in the Chamber building. Motion by Greg Ptacek to approve with second by Jon Biederman. Approved.

Dick Woodard noted , in regards to the open grants, that the façade and second floor projects are nearing completion with a meeting planned shortly to tie up loose ends.

Committee reports- Dick Woodard made a motion to omit the three proposed ads/donations. Seconded by Gail Hackman and approved.

No further information from the design committee. In regards to promotions, Greg Ptacek approved the fireworks request with second by Melody Patrick. Approved. In regards to the newspaper ad for Divas Melody moved to allow Jennifer to coordinate as she sees fit and is within the budget. Seconded by Mike Johnson. Approved.

With no other business, Melody Patrick moved to adjourn with second by Carolyn Weber.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, April 14, 6:45 AM Chamber office.