

Main Street Chamber Board Meeting  
6:45 AM August 11, 2015  
West Union Chamber/Main Street Office

Members present: Amie Johansen, Jennifer Tobin, Carolyn Havenstrite, Carolyn Weber, Karla Organist, Greg Ptacek, Amy Christensen, Patti Heuton, Melody Patrick and Gail Hackman.

While waiting for our president, we began our meeting with committee reports at 6:54 AM.

#### I Approval of Agenda

Greg moved to approve to approve the agenda; Carolyn W seconded and it carried.

#### II Approval of Minutes

Karla moved to approve the minutes of the July 14th meeting; Greg seconded and it carried.

#### III Reorganization

We discussed the letter from Patrick Ritter. Greg moved to engage the services of Ritter to work up combining the bylaws of Chamber, Main Street and Community Development. Melody seconded. The motion carried.

#### IV Financial Reports

Karla said we need to approve payables. We have \$14,633.64 in checking and \$4,634.62 in the Money Market account

There was a lot of discussion about the sale of the building and that we will still owe \$124,186.84 and \$102,457.04 plus accruing interest. Gus is not paying the interest payments as far as we know. This needs to be resolved. Before we can make any decisions we need Derek to update us.

Jennifer will check with Bob and Derek.

More discussion about how this is dragging on and is frustrating. Jennifer reached Bob Sadler by phone during our meeting and learned from him that Clements, the lawyer, hasn't been available as yet. Amie and Karla said they will go to speak to Clements today. They also need to speak to Derek about the interest, to find out if any is being paid yet. Karla said she would go see Derek today. She will email us with what she finds out.

Greg moved to approve Chamber financials and Main Street financials. Carolyn W seconded, it passed

#### V Committee Reports

Design – Greg brought up the need to hire someone for light care-taking of the landscape in the back of the Chamber building. Greg says it appears there may be a leak in the roof of the chamber building. There was discussion about this, some thinking that perhaps Imperial will cover it since they put the roof on.

Promotions – Playin' on the Plaza is going well. It's to be 86 degrees this week. Amie recommended umbrellas for shade, said we have four to use. WUStock is underway, will be doing home made games. We need parade entries. \$50 will be given to the most unique parade entry and \$50 to the best overall entry.

Sunday October 18 has been set as the date for Trunk or Treat.

Business Improvement – Working on two new projects: Downtown Business Survey and a downtown Christmas Pop-Up Store. More details to follow.

## VI Building Update Bob

### VII Fall Workshop Update

Monday 6:30-8 PM We will host something casual for the visitors. Darlene will send out rough copy this week. Jennifer is working on reserving hotel space at Best Rest. Tours are being set up and a panel was suggested. Jon B is putting together Geo Thermal brochure. Bob is working on the luncheon. We discussed whether to cater or use volunteers.

VIII Greg moved to purchase tables from WU Hardware. They are \$100 for 8 ft and \$45 for 6 ft. They would be paid for from office supplies. Gail seconded and it passed.

### IX Letter from Amy & Julie Doeppke

a) Carolyn moved we accept whatever Amy has already paid and call it even, since the contract was a little confusing to her. Gail seconded it and the motion carried.

Jennifer will contact Amy to let her know her obligation is fulfilled and she owes nothing more.

### X Other Business

Gail offered the use of the large floral barrels which are down at the fair. They could be added for Playin' on the Plaza, WUStock, and for our Fall Workshop. We agreed that their addition would be welcome, discussed moving them since they're heavy.

### XI Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7 AM September 8<sup>th</sup>.