

# **Three Forks Chamber of Commerce**

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*Three Forks Chamber of Commerce: Unapproved Minutes  
Monday, March 9th, 2020 @ 12:00pm noon at Stageline Pizza*

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**Present at the meeting were:**

**Board members:**

**President, Brooke Leugers**

**Vice President, Julia Caruana**

**Treasurer, Ranee Berg**

**Executive Director, Leandra Hill**

**Board member, Dave Tudor**

**Board member, Tara Forsberg**

**Board member, Chuck Wambeke**

**Board member, Jeff Elliot**

**Guests:**

**Member, Cheesecake on a Stick- Sally Burns**

**Member, Headwaters Area Foodbank- Kim Gelder**

**Member, Main Street Office- Christina Kamps**

**Member, Be Lazy Quilting - Kelly Bugland**

**Member, Diane Philips**

**Member, Legacy Trading - Pam Carey**

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## Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Brooke Leugers.

Brooke welcomed the members and those in attendance introduced themselves.

## Approval of Minutes:

The February unapproved minutes were sent prior to the meeting for review and there is a printed copy available here.

A motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Tara Forsberg

Seconded by Jeff Elliot

Motion carried.

## Treasurer Report:

CD renewal will be next month.

Ranee went over the income from memberships, renewals and the Annual Dinner tickets and sponsorships, and also the expenses for the dinner, which were expected.

There were some issues on the report. A/R is being dealt with by Leandra. The credits were under "other" and that needs to be fixed. The Merchant Account fees also need to be moved to the correct expense account.

## Approved Checks

We Added the Sponsorship check for the Gallatin Valley Ag Banquet.

A motion to accept the Approved Checks was made by Chuck Wambeke.

Seconded by Dave Tudor.

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### Executive Directors Report

Meeting Date: 03/9/2020

New members: 2 more paid

#### **General Information:**

"Merchant services" - the ability to accept credit cards - is up and working and some people are using it.

Things I have noticed:

- More people are consistently emailing me items to put on the bulletin.
- Seems like many/most people want face to face interaction, which is time consuming but important. And some still want physical copies of their invoices and the newsletter.
- I have had a request for at least one or two evening chamber meetings so those who cannot make it during the day can come. (Monday evening 6:30 pm? Twice a year?)
- I have noticed others doing the #mtfavoritesmalltown and making comments on each others post and sharing - thank you!

#### **Discussion topics for the board:**

##### **Idea 1 - in regards to renewals and late fees or not.**

To incorporate the ideas that I heard from the last meeting:

- All members will have 60 days after their due date, to pay their renewal fee.
- Invoice notifications will begin being sent out 45 days before the due date.
  - This technically means they will have 105 days to pay before their membership lapses.

The month before the Phone book is done, we have no renewals.

The month before that it would have to be the first of the month to make sure all they received 60 days past their due date.

It would be the same month every year, and the Phone book deadline would be the same.

Anyone who wants to join in that month would get a discount and be put in the month before on the first.

If agreed, if there happens to be a current member with a renewal in those two months, we move them to the first of the previous or the following month, whichever they prefer.

\*No one gets in the phone book who hasn't paid.

\*No one can get their second listing, who hasn't paid.

\*No one gets a booth who hasn't paid.

Then there will be no need for late fees.

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### Idea 2:

Phone book month:

Move to August 31st deadline: September printing. OR?

February/March/April-majority is the renewals.

(May and June are less but there's no way we can do the phonebook in July.)

July renewals:

Cowgirl Creativity (7/24 )

Headwaters Golf (7/31)

Potty Princess (7/31) who sold moved, changed names and so far hasn't responded to my emails

Three Forks Storage (7/22)

August renewals:

TF Voice(8/16),

Republic Service (8/31), Legacy Telecommunications (8/31),

Iron Horse cafe (8/16). Bob's plumbing (8/16) , & Blondies Bakes (8/16)

September renewals:

Blue Smoke (9/6)

October renewals:

Three Forks Market & RV (10/21)

Roots Studio (10/15)

Legacy Trading (10/14)

Chuteside Vet (10/24)

**Attendees agreed to change all due dates to the first of each month and all dues in August will be moved to September 1st.**

**Phone book month: Move to August 31st deadline: September printing**

### C&E Development

### Committee Report

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## Ambassadors

### **Committee Report**

Partnership True prosperity evaluation of Three Forks has come up with recommendations for Three Forks and will be bringing it up at the next city of Three Forks council meeting tomorrow night Tuesday March 10th. Broadband issue we are trying to get Main Street on broadband and the next step is to get a pool of Main Street businesses what are your needs? Is the lack of broadband and fiber optic affecting your business negatively? And what would you be willing to pay or would you be willing to pay if everybody join together to get broadband?

### **Business After Hours:**

Pharmacy -our contact left and there is a new contact.

He has been emailed twice and I have not heard back from him yet. Leandra will call again.

We may want to move forward with someone else.

### **2020 Annual Dinner**

5 Tables: ECI, Versatile, Tanya Gonzalez, V42 & Stageline & TF Medical

20 single tickets including us with inquiries coming in. (Atleast 5 others I know about.)

Sponsorships: Cowgirl, Bunkhouse, Chiropractic clinic in trade, TF Floral

Level 2 (\$300) ECI, Tudor, First Security, Imerys

### **Vote William J. "Bill" Sebena Distinguished Service Award:**

Nominee Diane Phillips Nominated by Pastor Charlie Christensen

Nominee Gene & Pat Townsend Nominated by Kelly Bugland

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### Special Events

Brooke Leugers asked for a non vendor member fee versus a member vendor fee to be put on the next agenda and voted on at the next meeting.

A reminder by Brooke that Be Lazy Quilting will have a grand reopening on March 21st.

### New Business

Set phone book annual date for publication - Done - August 31st deadline for all payments and ads. Annual September Publishing date.

CD renewal pushed till April.

### Old Business

#### **2020 Three Forks School Bond presentation by Jeff Elliot**

Jeff Elliott discussed the school bond and passed out materials.

- The main points are
  - Space
  - Infrastructure
  - Safety / security.

There is no fire suppression. The Three Forks School doesn't have one. The fire chief actually told Jeff Elliott if the high school was burning he would not send his guys in due to how dangerous the building is.

Since the last remodel date in 1984 there's been a 43% increase in students.

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The school is buying two trailers to house kids temporarily. This is not a long term solution and not even a good short term one. There are no bathrooms in the trailer, and there are other issues that are included with trailers for classrooms.

Jeff also explained that they've done a lot trying to find little ways to save money.

For example, they no longer hire a fertilizer for the landscape and do it themselves.

They no longer hire someone to snow plow. They bought a snow plow and do it themselves.

They're also trying to communicate with people about how they could possibly get financial help if they're living on a fixed income.

There are regular opportunities to come get tours of the school and Jeff Elliot is personally offering to answer any phone calls or any questions at all than anybody might have. In regards to this, it is very important to Jeff that there is complete transparency with all members of the community because last time the bond was up for voting on (it was a different Bond/ different group of people and a different outline of how to spend the funds) there was not transparency.

That there was some concern that some of the bond money would not outline because of the back taxes due. Those have since been paid up and Jeff Elliott is confident that the people now involved will actually make sure that the funding goes to exactly where it's supposed to go.

Christina kamps went on the tour and believes there is true transparency now and it gives her confidence.

Both bonds have to be a yes in order for it to pass. The date for voting is May 5th.

**The motion for the meeting to adjourn was made by Kelly Bugland**

**Seconded by Dave tudor**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Next meeting – Monday, April – @ 12:00 pm noon. Location TBD**

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