

Three Forks Chamber of Commerce

Promoting Strategic Economic Growth and Vitality

Montana's Favorite Small Town

March 8th, 2021 @ 1:00pm

Three Forks Library

Present at the meeting were:

Board members:

President, Brooke Leugers

Vice President Julia Caruana Via Zoom

Treasurer, Ranee Berg

Executive Director, Melissa Jenkins

Board member, Chuck Wambeke

Board Member, Jill Peterson

Guest

Kim Gelder

Leandra Hill via Zoom

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by **Brooke Leugers**.

Approval of Minutes:

Corrections made already: Steering Committee -met about 2 weeks ago – discussing metrics - how are we going to see if what we are suggesting and shooting for if it is actually happening. For instance, the growing business community - wanted to figure out a way to see if the efforts after we get through the process if it is making a difference.

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City has asked the chamber to come up with metrics to measure success. Had the city export list to start adding new members of businesses to compare to the list of current membership- to create a starting point.

Treasurer Report:

Trying to fix glitches, lots of memberships rolling in, fixing undeposited funds, lots of.

Approved Checks

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Paycheck	03/08/2021	7284	Jenkins, Melissa	Payroll	1125
Payment	03/08/2021	7285	MACE	Payroll	60
Payment	03/08/2021	8284	MT. Dept. of Rev.	Taxes	1304.22

A motion to accept the checks was made by Chuck

Seconded by Jill

Motion carried.

Executive Directors Report

2 new Members in January

- Report-
 - VIC grant was sent.
 - The PPP loan was approved and signed. Amount is \$4,605.48 and 24 weeks to use it.
 - Working on Annual Dinner, renewing memberships. Who should hold on to the items for auction?
 - The new laptop is working well. Chocolate Crawl wasn't as successful as we hoped due to weather.
 - The city is encouraging people to fill out the Envision TF survey.
 - We have a new member ZenBusiness. ZenBusiness is a platform service that will help businesses start, run, and grow. Working on New Membership for

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Townsend Tires who will be opening a new shop soon and catering to the Ag community needs. We lost KC Western Decor, she was not really getting any customer's or interest. House of Clean is under Hillyard/Mt but most of their information will remain the same, just a little changes for QB and how they are billed is all.

- Hopefully weather warms up soon so we can do inventory in the shed soon. Working with Leandra on Farmers Market.
- I have the files for the phone book, so we should decide deadlines and printing now that it can be built quicker. **Leandra added** - The decision last year was to have an August 31st deadline for all people who wanted changes additions, subtractions, ads.. In order to have that deadline be successful, the chamber might want to send out the flyer requesting changes by July 1st. Then it would be finished being edited and created in September.
- Wondering how soon we should post the job openings for VIC?
- Still need to enter Budget into QB.
- Got a call from Pitstop Portable Toilets 406-980-1571, he said last year the Chamber called wanting information and prices and he was not up and running well at the time, but is now if we want to look to use his services in the future.
- Ryan's Trophies has the 2021 plaques and tabs complete and delivered them Thursday. Need to get a list of what is sent with tags/plaques to new & renewing members especially through mail.

C&E Development

- Steering committee- been moving forward pushing questionnaire - pins on map - be great to add 2 bits to it, opp to get involved. Trying to figure out to grow businesses with lists, licenses, businesses that are chamber members, color coded for easy coordination. inquiries for people looking for space -- microbreweries. Be lazy expansion, TF Laundry, Shoppe has delays.
- **Billboard** - Brooke put together some info. Skins ordered waiting for paperwork. Waiting on more instructions to decide what to put on it. Thursdays in TF, Rodeo Board is approached by bull riding on Thursdays. Rodeo Board will try to pin it down Chamber will incentivise to pin it down. Farmers meeting start next week, attending April Council meeting

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Ambassadors

Plaque tabs - Come up with a good plan to get the tabs out

Ribbon cuttings, no update yet. TF Physical therapy - 20 years.

Special Events

Pat Townesend helping, Diane Phillips heading up auction, still need more entertainment - cowboy poetry kinda thing. Something besides DJ, Need to reach out for volunteers day off for set-up Annual Dinner. This Thursday Zoom meeting for Special meeting @12.

New Business

Allow people to purchase banners of veterans, Matt Bugland is on Board. Purchase a banner, hung up 3 times a year. Randy Johnson puts up flags, banners could be too low. Who would want to be involved. DOT approval may be needed to hang up at Golf Course. What about the silos? VFW should lead, suggested by Chuck, want to get VFW back as members. Summer Rec activities need funding. Have Leandra add to Weekly Bulletin. Next meeting should be a lunch meeting. Look at last year.

Old Business

Motioned to adjourn Chuck

Seconded Rane

Motion passed.

Next meeting – Monday, April 12th – @ 1:00 pm TBD

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