



Minutes from chamber meeting on July 26th, 2023

Matt called the meeting to order approximately at 12:00 pm.

We introduced all those that were present.

Lunch was served.

New Business:

Treasurer's report approved (We did not formally approve the treasurer's report and secretary's report so I am attaching both secretary's reports and the treasurer's report. Please feel free to let us know if there are any questions or concerns).

Secretary's report approved

Joel Virtue of StarMaker Marketing gave a presentation of our new chamber website. Each chamber member has a link that leads to their own website and information. He also included all area businesses in Sandstone and many photos of Sandstone. If anyone has old photos of Sandstone send them his way. Take some time to check out the new website.

Tom Willett gave a presentation. He is a business consultant and is here the last Wednesday of the month or as needed to help local businesses with any needs they may have.

We have a Quarry Days business booth. Tonya Johnson is manning the booth from 10 to 1 and is providing a canopy for the table to be under. Joel Virtue is manning the booth from 1 to 3. The Chamber is providing the \$50 for the space at Quarry Days and Anytime Fitness is providing the table and chairs. We ask that businesses bring in the things they would like to pass out to Anytime Fitness by Friday at 5 pm.

Area Business updates:

We had updates from the businesses that were represented. We would like to include any business updates on the chamber website. Please send any updates to this email: board@sandstonechamber.org and Joel will add the updates to the chamber website to keep it updated.

Ascertain Recovery Center - Kasey Wilson and Valerie Palmer: They are looking for community jobs to provide for their clients. If anyone might have something available, please contact Ascertain Recovery Center at 320-245-9966.

East Central Schools - Steph Youngberg: The school has new boilers and chiller will go in the end of September. A new playground is set to go in in about 2 to 3 weeks.

City of Sandstone - Kathy George: National Nighth out was on Tuesday, August 1st. Quarry Days is this weekend. There is still time to get your button and be included in the 50/50 drawing. True Value is under construction and will be the thrift store called New Life. Hometown Flips had their Grand Opening on August 1st. Go check out our new store in town. Panther Park is now open and is being enjoyed by many. The Rock is gaining traction on new development. Robinson Park is under construction and no opening date is set yet.

SandRocks - Charlie Gustafson: The local restaurant is open from Thursday through Saturday from 4 to 9. They often have live music and always have great food. Take time go and eat there.

Meethven Funeral Home - Nate Froehling:

Members Credit Union - Kris Labounty and Patty Volk: Currently they have a 4 1/2 % CD for 11 months.

Pioneer News - Bert Lebrun: Business spotlight page \$140 a month for 6 months 1/2 page black and white for \$75 a month. Call him to do any advertising in the local papers. 320-322-5243

Sandstone Pizza & Deli - Brad McKay: Have a delivery charge of \$5 in a 15 mile radius. More than pizza and sandwiches. Check out their menu.

Sandstone Nursing Home - Jenny Colby and Sam Mortenson:

StarMaker Marketing - Joel Virtue: Updating chamber website! Great work!!

D'ears - Ken Matheson: starting a new line of dog and cat key chains

Traveling with Tonya - Tonya Johnson:

RLVNT - Barrett Peterson: they recently purchased a walleye tournament

Quarry Kids Child Care Center - Megan Bennett:

Dave's Classic Barber Shop - Dave Schneider: Now open on 1117 MN 23, Sandstone

Our next chamber meeting will be help on August 30th and Sam Mortenson and Jenny Colby volunteered to have it help at the Sandstone Nursing home located at 109 Court Ave South. We look forward to seeing you all there at noon!

Motion to adjourn at 1:30. Sarah Motioned and Kasey 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned.