



Minutes from chamber meeting on August 30th, 2023.

Location was Sandstone Health Care center. They also provided a delicious lunch.

Matt Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:15.

New Business:

- Treasurer's report given by Megan Bennett. Motion to accept by Kathy George and 2nd by Valerie Palmer.
- Secretary's report approved.
- Halloween neighborhood trick or treat discussed. Plans to have businesses come and work the games and pass out candy, but the chamber will still provide the treats and prizes. We would still like to use the Fire Hall, but also talked about Panther's Park. We will finalize plans and bring up again in September.
- We would like to have a steak dinner. We are looking for a place to serve the food and provide alcohol.
- Joel Virtue was voted in as a board member. Matt Anderson made the motion and Pete Spartz 2nd. Welcome to the chamber officially, Joel!

The September 27th chamber meeting will be hosted by Octavio at El Mexico the New Mexican restaurant in town. His hope is to open by September 15th.

Business Updates:

- North Pine Insurance - Amy and Ashley were there and had no new business.
- Members Credit Union - Kris and Patty were there - CD's are 4.75% and you can now earn \$250 on a new checking account. They also treated the teachers to donuts and coffee as a welcome back. They are looking forward to decorating for Halloween.
- City - Serena - She has been organizing block parties for neighborhood watch and they have been going well.
- City administrator - Kathy George - Library is scheduled to open the end of the month. True Value is under construction and is looking good. The Rock redevelopment is starting to make some traction. On Tuesday the Senate Bonding Committee is looking at the auditorium. The city is offering a grant for new signage for businesses.
- Ascertain Recovery Center - Valerie Palmer - They have a new number - 877-709-5373.
- History Center - Sandy Sandwick - They have new t-shirts available for \$15 and sweatshirts for \$30. They are in need of volunteers for activities coming up and for open hours at the museum. The chamber website will have all activities posted.
- El Mexico Restaurant - Octavio - He is hoping to open around September 15th and has offered to host September's chamber meeting on the 27th. We will keep you posted.
- Traveling with Tonya - Tonya Johnson - Will meet any traveling needs or wants.

- Tom Willet - consultant for small businesses - He will help small businesses for free.
- Reality Group - Alissia Kreger – The fall market is picking up.
- Sandstone Health Care Center - Sam Mortenson and Jenny Colby - They have a few openings for residents.
- Quarry Country Kids Day Care - Megan Bennett
- StarMaker Marketing - Joel Virtue - Has had some new business and continually adds to the chamber website.
- City Mayor - Peter Spartz - Quarry Days was a success. The Mary Thorvig Memorial also was a success.
- Anytime Fitness Sandstone - Sarah Swanson - She is now a certified personal trainer and accepting new clients.
- Anderson Recycling - Matt Anderson - They have a new website made by Joel Virtue and it has brought in quite a bit of new business.
- 210 Gallery and Art Center – Cheryl Burns was not present. But has offered to host the chamber meeting for October 25th.

Door Prize drawing - 1st prize winner was Sandy Sandwick, 2nd winner was Patty Volk each won \$20. Thank you to Matt and Pete for donating the prizes.

Motion to adjourn by Sarah Swanson, Megan Bennett 2nd.