



Minutes from chamber meeting on September 27th, 2023.

Location was El Mexico. Lunch was provided by the chamber.

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

New Business:

- There are currently 41 chamber members up from 23.
- Treasurer's report given by Megan Bennett. Motion to accept by Pete Spartz and 2nd by Alissia Kreger.
- Secretary's report approved.
- Joel Virtue, our new board vice president shared some great updates on our website. Check out the chamber website and see what you find!
- We still need volunteers and door prizes for purse Bingo on October 28th.
- Halloween at the Fire Hall will; be held from 5 to 7. We need volunteers to run the games. If your business does run a game we would like you to provide the prize or candy for the game. The chamber will help though if needed. The chamber will provide the prize bags to hand out and the hot dogs and beverages. If you have any questions please call a board member.
- We would like to have a steak dinner. We are looking for a place to serve the food and provide alcohol.

Business Updates:

- Members Credit Union - Kris and Patty were there - CD's are 4.5% .
- City administrator - Kathy George - Library is scheduled to open the end of the month. True Value is going to be a thrift store and that should open the end of October.
- Ascertain Recovery Center - Valerie Palmer - They have a new number - 877-709-5373.
- Leah – City is offering Eda revolving loans for businesses. Contact Lezlie Sauter at 320-592-1619 for more information.
- East Central Schools – Steph Youngberg – conferences will be in October. There is something going on at the Little Mermaid in November.
- Methven Funeral Home – Nate Froehling – They had a pizza party from 11:30 to 6 to help loved ones prepare for what is coming.

- Timber Ghost Reality – Dominic – There are some properties for sale at Path Finder Village. If you list or sell now is the time to take pictures to get ready for tht.
- 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.
- Traveling with Tonya - Tonya Johnson – Time to plan your holiday and summer travel. Give her a call.
- Tom Willet - consultant for small businesses - He will help small businesses for free.
- 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.
- Anytime Fitness Sandstone - Sarah Swanson Anytime Fitness has a sale going on from October 2nd through November 30th. The enrollment fee is only \$1 and includes 2 free weeks of training. It is a great time to join!
- 210 Gallery and Art Center – Cheryl Burns – October 7, 14, and 21 they will offer mask making, every 3rd Sunday is Art of Words. More information is on the chamber website.

October's meeting will be held at the 210 Gallery and Art Center on October 25th at noon and lunch will be provided.

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