



Minutes from chamber meeting on November 22th, 2023.

Location was the John Wright building and the City of Sandstone provided the lunch.

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

New Business:

- * Treasurer's report given by Megan Bennett. Purse Bingo was a huge success. Thank you Joyce LaMere for organizing this event.
- * Secretary's report approved by Dominic and 2nd by Cheryl.
- * Chamber Christmas dinner will be on January 10th at 6 p.m. Sarah motioned to accept and Joel 2nd. The place will be determined. Tickets will be \$25 and donations are needed for door prizes and the silent auction.
- * Joel Virtue gave an update on the chamber website. Traffic is going up. He added an alphabetical listing to click on to find the businesses.
- * There will be no chamber meeting in December.
- * The next chamber meeting will be on January 24th at 210 Gallery and Art Center at noon and lunch will be provided.

Business Updates:

- * Members Credit Union – Patty Volk was there – they have updated their website so check it out. They are also doing a winter clothing drive: coats, hats, and mittens. Donations can be dropped off at the branch
- * City administrator - Kathy George – There is a gala at Tobies tomorrow, December 1st for Habitat for Humanity. Check chamber website for details. Robinson Park is now open. Grants are coming in for spring projects – new pavilion and new boat ramp.
- * Ascertain Recovery Center - Valerie Palmer – nothing new
- * Pine County Economic Development - Lezlie Sauter- Survey for local businesses has gone out. Please fill them out and send them back. If you need it re-sent please contact her. Email : Lezlie.Sauter@co.pine.mn.us
- * 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. Look for activities on the chamber website.

- * Timber Ghost Realty - Dominic – Puts a quarterly newsletter together for updates on the market. Loan rates are going down and the inventory is lower.
- * Quarry Kids Child Care Center - Megan Bennett – They now have openings for infants and toddlers.
- * Starmaker Marketing - Joel Virtue - Has had some new business and continually adds to the chamber website.
- * Anytime Fitness Sandstone - Sarah Swanson – Starting December 1st we are partnering with Apple Fitness. Every member can download the Apple Fitness app and get access to 100s of workouts and fitness information without any extra cost!
- * Anderson Recycling - Matt Anderson – Doubling size of scrapyard.
- * 210 Gallery and Art Center – Cheryl Burns – They have an 18 foot table to give away and pews available for \$100. The current gallery will be there through January 5th. There will be a musician on Sundays at 3. It is a free concert. Colleen is leading a Qi Gong class on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Yoga classes on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. The classes are \$7 each.

There was a drawing for 2 door prizes and a motion to adjourn by Pete Spartz and Joel Virtue 2nd.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Swanson.