

Minutes of Mineral County Chamber of Commerce meeting November 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Chamber Office, 102 River St., Superior, MT

Present: Anita Bailey, Robert Lyons, Nolan Webber, Leona Crichton, Darlene Dunham, Mary Jo Berry

1. Minutes from October 2011 meeting read & approved. (Mary Jo moved, Leona seconded)
2. Treasurer's Report presented and approved (Leona moved, Mary Jo seconded). Bank account has \$870.30.
3. Darlene Dunham, Tobacco Prevention Specialist at Mineral County Health Department was on hand to give information regarding new tobacco laws coming soon and how she can provide support to businesses for, not only complying with the laws, but in the encouragement for employees to quit tobacco. Smoke free policies will be expanded to include all tobacco products. Apartments and multi-family complexes will also be required to be smoke free. Benefits are available to businesses that have smoke-free policies in place; for example, discounts in health insurance premiums. One of the helps available from Darlene's office is the 'Quit Spit Kit'. Businesses & individuals are encouraged to contact Darlene at 822-3564, ddunham@co.mineral.mt.us.
4. Chamber Office sign is still in the works, at the Printery in Plains.
5. Chamber website is up and running. Rich Milender, website designer, will be asked to attend December meeting. Discussion on the free webpage benefit offered to Chamber businesses without a website, resulted in Chamber approval (Anita moved, Mary Jo seconded) for \$50 for a basic webpage, if a business requests one. Business will work with Glenda or Rich, who will be paid \$50 by the Chamber. Businesses that want a more extensive webpage will need to pay the additional costs to Glenda or Rich.
6. Superior Christmas decorations: Mary Jo will be in charge of getting them up. Members of the Chamber have been working with Northwestern Energy for over a year, trying to get lights for the Christmas decorations. Northwestern Energy originally said one meter would suffice, now is saying that three meters are required and could cost thousands of dollars. Nolan suggested asking if the lights could be tied into businesses. Mary Jo will call Northwestern Energy.
7. Winterfest: December 10 activities will include Jingle Bell Fun Run, Children's Ornament Making, Tree Decoration & Lighting with Carolers, Pictures with Santa, Christmas Stroll of the downtown Businesses. Chamber Office will be open during the Stroll and businesses without a storefront will be offered space in the Chamber Office. Ongoing activities, from December 3 – December 10 will include Toy Collection by the Superior Fire Department and Wish Trees to be put up in both Superior and St. Regis. On December 17, Christmas Decoration judging will take place, along with Snowman/Snow Sculpture Contest and Christmas Hat Contest. Chamber approved (Leona moved, Nolan seconded) providing four \$25 gift certificates for contest winners – to be used at Superior businesses.
8. Election of Officers: Robert mentioned that last year, a nominations committee was formed. Anita volunteered to be on the ballot for president and Nolan volunteered to be on the ballot for vice-president. Election will take place at December meeting.
9. 2012 Committees: River Trail Project, Golf Tournament, Fly-In, Holiday Stroll/Winterfest, Yellow Pages Business Directory, Chamber Office Volunteers
10. Fly-In: Date for 2012 needs to be determined.

11. Upcoming Workshops & Programs:

- 55 Alive Driver Safety, Tues. Nov. 29, 9-1
- Alzheimer Support class for caregivers, Mon. Nov. 28, 1-3
- Tricky Bingo, Sat. Nov. 19
- Craft Fair & Bazaars

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Bailey, Secretary

Next meeting: **Thursday, December 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**
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