

# **Baker Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Minutes**

## **9-1-11 at the Tavern with 13 members & 4 guests present**

(Guests Paul William – FEMA rep, Nic Coffman speaker for Vision Dinner, Tessa Kilsdonk & Gina Cantalupo with the Baker High School BPA)

Merri Beck made a motion to approve the August minutes & Darlene Hornung seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report - \$18,174.10**

### **New Business**

Pat Ehret discussed purchasing Microsoft Office Professional 2010 for the Chamber laptop computer as all the programs are outdated. The cost would be approximately \$179.68. Karol Zachmann made a motion for the Baker Chamber to purchase Microsoft Office Professional 2010 for the Chamber laptop and Amber Lawlar seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Amber created all the request for bid letters for the Calcutta and Pat hand delivered them to local restaurants. Bids close on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Guest Paul Williams stated he is in Baker to get the word out to individual homeowners that there is assistance available through FEMA for any damages incurred as a result of flooding earlier in the year. He passed out fliers containing all the information and contact info needed to apply.

Gina Cantalupo reported Baker will host the regional BPA competition & they are in need of judges. She also stated they want to be involved in the community and are there to help. She also stated other clubs she is involved with at Baker High School want to be involved in the community as well. Anyone wanting to volunteer their time at the BPA regional competition in Baker can email Scott Anderson at [andersons@baker.k12.mt.us](mailto:andersons@baker.k12.mt.us)

Chuck Lee noted for the past 5-6 weeks two FEMA reps have been in his office and canvassing the area letting people know about the assistance FEMA can offer. He believes there are at least 150 individuals that qualify and so far 14 people have registered. September 26 is the VERY last day to register. Also there will be a Disaster Recovery Center set up at the fairgrounds from September 22-24<sup>th</sup> where people can receive assistance filling out the required paperwork.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall Festival will be held September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11-5. The Rib cook-off is a new event this year and will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> Street between the railroad tracks and Montana Ave. There will be a quilt/art show and pie contest held at Thee Gargage showroom & lots more fun activities

planned for the entire day.

## Reports

**O'Fallon Museum** – An Open House event is planned for Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 in appreciation of all the support they have received. Refreshments will be served.

**Lions Club**- They will be hosting a Kids Carnival during the Fall Festival. Teacher's Appreciation will be held October 5<sup>th</sup> & they are still looking for a speaker.

**SMART** – Phase one of the Fallon County Veteran's Memorial is complete. However, approximately 30 minutes after the crew left the concrete was vandalized. There is still some money available in the Veteran's Memorial account to purchase granite tiles to cover the vandalism. The SMART building is still under renovation and they still have an office space available for rent. The office has been assisting Plevna with locating grants so they may purchase new playground equipment for their park. There is still plenty of space available for the Vision Dinner if anyone wishes to attend. So far 110 people have sent in an RSVP

**Recreation Department**- There are about 40-45 kids in the After School Program. The Youth Football program is starting next week. They had a great turn out for the rodeo in August.

**Fallon Medical Complex** – They are in the process of implementing the EMR (Electronic Medical Records). Individual's history will follow them if they are transferred to a different hospital. They have a new Physical Therapy suite and they are currently looking for an Occupational Therapist.

**Friends of the Foundation** – They have a new fundraiser called Trip a Season. There will be 17 chances to win amazing trips & prizes like trips to Las Vegas, Atlanta, Hawaii, an Alaskan Cruise, etc. All the trip details will be finalized mid-September and ticket sales will begin.

**Fallon County Fairgrounds** – Pat noted the water will be turned on the weekend of the rodeo and for the two weddings that are scheduled.

Amber reported the Calcutta will be held October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Fallon County Fairgrounds exhibit hall with a 5:30 social and dinner at 7. Tickets are \$100 per couple and \$65 for singles. Amber stated they are accepting more volunteers.

Pat stated it's the time of year when the Dakta Hunting & Fishing Guide comes out and in the past the Chamber has placed a ¼ page ad. It's in the budget and the cost will be \$137. Karol Zachmann made a motion the Chamber place a ¼ page ad for \$137 in the 2011 Dakta. Mike Griffith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Amber Lawlar made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Darlene Hornung seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 6 at noon in the Fallon Medical Complex dining room.**