

Baker Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Minutes

10-6-11 at Fallon Medical Complex with 16 members present

Karol Zachmann made a motion to approve the September minutes with the following correction: the FMC physical therapy suite is in the process of being remodeled, but isn't finished. Dean Wang seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - \$30,170.65 - It was noted this balance is misleading as several Calcutta bills still need to be paid

New Business

Pat Ehret stated the Calcutta went very well and the Chamber made double what was made last year. 114 tickets were sold. CB Heiser said he wants the Chamber to reach out to the new businesses and younger generations to get them involved in the Calcutta. He also stated Amber Lawlar had people on the chairs dressing up and she really infused some excitement into the event. Anna Griffith reported about 60 people attended the Teacher's Appreciation Dinner last night. However, only seven Chamber members were present and Chamber members were encouraged to come next year to show support for area teachers.

Pat stated Scott Anderson wanted to know if the Chamber would be willing to create informational/gift bags for the BPA regional competition Baker High School is hosting in December. Pat stated we also need a new treasurer, secretary and first vice president for the upcoming year.

Mona Madler reported the Fall Festival went well & the Senior Citizens Center sold out of pies before 4 pm that day.

A Planning Committee is being created to document who is in charge of each yearly event the Chamber sponsors. It is hoped this will clear up confusion in the future. So far the committee consists of Karol Zachmann, Mona Madler & Amber Lawlar. More individuals are encouraged to step forward and assist with this committee.

A volunteer sheet was sent around as servers are still needed for the Customer Appreciation feed. This will be held Wednesday, October 19th. There will be two shifts of servers so one group doesn't have to set up and clean up after the event.

Reports

O'Fallon Museum – Patron Recognition Day will be held Sunday, October 9th from 2-4. Everyone is invited.

SMART – Contractors will be hired to finish the rest of the construction on the Fallon County Veterans Memorial. They will be starting next week and pouring the second round of concrete and the sidewalk.

Over 50 people attended the Vision Dinner. There will be a second set of apartment built on the north side of town and there will be an invitation to bid in the Fallon County Times.

Fallon Medical Complex – New signage is coming to FMC, and it will be able to be seen from the highway. They will also be getting new signs within the building instead of printing off their own. This will allow for easier navigation around the building for patients and visitors. FMC is finishing a lift house which will be a delivery point, so there will be only one point of entry. The current Picture Archiving Communication System is antiquated and they will be putting in a brand new system. The Foundation helping to pay for this and the rest of the money is from getting money back on their workman's compensation plan. Radiologists don't have to travel anymore because everything is sent digitally and this system makes it all possible.

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. The cost per ticket is \$150 and only 200 tickets will be sold. The first trip giveaway will be at the Fantasy Food Fair December 3rd. The Fantasy Food Fair will be Saturday, December 3rd. They are only selling 150 tickets and they will be \$30 each. The event will be held at Thee Garage showroom. Dean Wang mentioned there is a winery in Billings that could be a potential vendor. The Festival of Trees will be starting November 21st. Mona asked what exactly the Friends of the Foundation is all about. Karol stated they are there to support FMC & help them do things they couldn't do on their own. Since its inception the Foundation has raised \$150,000 that it has put towards educational scholarships & medical equipment for FMC.

Planning Committee – They are waiting to get started on the growth policy for Fallon County. The process will take approximately eight months. After the Vision Dinner on Monday they will be looking to update Fallon County building/zoning codes and regulations.

Commissioners – The roof on the large livestock barn at the Fallon County Fairgrounds has been completed. Fallon County will not go forward with the TIFID appeal due to the legal costs. There is a new job opening at the landfill. There is no timeline on the completion of the elevator & there is no progress on Baker Lake.

Steve Zachmann stated the Catholic Church will be hosting a turkey dinner Sunday, October 23rd at noon. This event will be a free will offering.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 3 at noon with the location to be announced at a later date.