

**JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2018**

Meeting was called to order. Members present were: Diane Ronge, Ron Bozak, Ray Abitz, Sue Piper, Tony Alhmedi, Rich Lowe and John Long.

Secretary reported minutes from the Quarterly meeting. Diane made a motion to approve, John second motion, motion approved.

Old Business:

Ron thanked Ray and Mary Abitz for organizing the Parade of Trees. The FFA group from the school put up and will take down the trees for a total of \$5.00 per tree. The Alumni provided cookies and treats. Ron suggested that the yearly tree sponsorship should be raised to \$20. We will vote on this at the Annual Meeting. 31 trees were put up and decorated but not all of them were sponsored. They received \$222 from the Raffle. Mary still has some expenses to report. Next year they would like to have address labels made for all the Chamber members and also return labels for the envelopes. These can be provided from the website list.

New Business:

The Annual Meeting/Christmas Party will be held on January 17, 2019 at the Legion Hall. Cocktails will be at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. The annual dues and invitation will be mailed out through the webmaster.

There will be two Board vacancies to be filled at the Annual Meeting (June and Jodell terms are up). The rest of the Board (Ray, Rich, Tony A., Karen, Diane and John) still have time left on their terms. Ron and Sue will also remain in their positions.

Ron contacted Stan Smith to again take care of the Christmas Decorating Contest. Ron will have the notifications put in the paper and judging will be done around Dec 17th. Recommend prizes will be \$75 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd. Ray motioned to approve these amount, John 2nd, motion was approved.

Ray suggested that we give \$500 to the Library from the Parade of Trees income. This will need to be approved at the Annual Meeting.

Ron asked for suggestions for a speaker for the Annual Meeting. Rich suggested a speaker from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. There are 4 new programs that will be affecting the Dodge County area and they will be looking for volunteers and letting everyone know of the availability. Also suggested would be the County Sherriff, Juneau Police Chief or Scott Fitzgerald. Rich will get back to Ron on the speaker for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Discussion was held on the topic of ways to get the Chamber Members more involved with Chamber activities. John is still trying to gather information from other chambers on what they are doing to get more involvement and find others are also struggling. Keeping the website up and current seems to be helping. We could also offer ads on our website to help members advertise their businesses. We will continue to work on ideas.

Diane motioned to adjourn the meeting Ray second, motion approved.