

JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MINUTES
MAY 14, 2019
VILLAGE GARDEN

Members present: Ron Bozak, Tony Cox, Tony Alhmedi, Ray Abitz, Mary Webster Abitz, John Long, Rich Lowe, Diane Ronge, Sue Piper, Brett Bolman and Dave Gratton.

Tony C made a motion to approve the agenda, John second. Motion approved.

Secretary report: Correction on spelling of names Brett Bolman, Corey Ronge and Mary Webster Abitz. Tony C made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Ray second. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Some deposits were put in the wrong accounts by the Bank and were corrected. Balance \$5,762.83 Savings, Balance \$1,016.72 Checking, Balance \$10,237.79 Certificates.

Federal Tax Issue: Tony C received notice that our 501C3 status has been suspended because we did not file the 1 page report for the last several years. Tony said he had not received any notices in the Chamber's mail box. The years missed were 2016, 2017 and 2018. We are unable to do any fund raising events until we are reinstated. Tony and Ron went to the Attorney and Gretchen Last to see what information they had on the past filings. Tony C, Ron and Rich will get together to see what needs to be done and then contact an attorney to get the filing taken care of.

Farmers Market: Ron will get the advertising out for the Market. Diane will put the signs out. Ron will put the cones out to mark the area for parking and Brett will pick them up. Farmers Market starts on May 31.

Outdoor Benches: We will wait to see what Corey comes up with the recycling we can do to get the benches made and what costs would be.

Flower Baskets: Ron working with the florist to get them set up.

White Elephant Auction & Dinner Meeting: has been cancelled because of the tax issue, we cannot do any fund raising activities until it is cleared up.

Membership and Dues: emails, phone numbers and addresses have been updated by Ron and Mary.

New Businesses: Ron is working on contacting the CBD shop and the Frame Shop

Business Directories: Ron looking to get the Directory reprinted. Members will be highlighted in the book. 300 Copies for \$414.49, 100 brochures \$61.85. Ray made a motion to reprint, Sue second. Motion approved.

Blue Zone Project: Dave Gratton reported that the Project is suggesting changing the parking scenario downtown. They are working on a bump-out close to the Bowling Alley which would have a park bench and a pot of plants. It would help to make it easier for people to cross the street. This would cost about \$4,000. Plans also include making one-way streets in the future. They would like the Chamber to help finance these projects.

The Blue Zone Project would like to put benches and planters in 4 spots downtown at 1850, bowling alley, tanning salon and Hwy 26 corner. Also put out bike racks. Diane suggest we put benches downtown instead of at the Community Center.

Summer Picnic: is being planned for Thursday, July 18 at 5:30pm in the Park. Chamber will provide the Brats and Burgers and everyone is to bring a dish to pass.

Parade of Trees: Mary has a detailed report and recommendations for this event. Mary can work with her committee and make any changes that are necessary. Diane made a motion to raise the fee to \$8.00 for putting up the trees, John second. Motion approved. The proceeds from the event should be paid to the Friends of Juneau Library and not the Juneau Library. Tony C motioned to make the check out to the Friends of Juneau Library, Diane second. Motion approved.

Brett advised that the downtown Juneau Bars are planning an event for August 10 (2nd Saturday in August) to have some fun events downtown during the Rummage Weekend. Some suggestions are a jump castle, egg toss and other fun games. They hope this will be a step towards an August Festival.

Ray motioned to adjourn the meeting, Brett second. Motion approved

Submitted by
Sue Piper