



Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce Regular Meeting –Choice Therapy September 18, 2024

Meeting Call to Order: 12:01pm

Introductions: Max Gullette, Georgia Lundberg , Bobbie Jo Kewitsch , Renee Hassel, Tony Rossberg, Paula Klug, Nicci Ronchetti, John Winnett, Lori Mystic, Paige Moore, Andrea Kent, Misty Frenzel

Approval of Minutes- August 21st, 2024 Moved by Moore and seconded by Winnett to approve August’s minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report- August 2024 Moved by Winnett and seconded by Rossberg to approve August’s treasurer's report, motion passed unanimously. It was also discussed and agreed upon we would continue to pay Cian quarterly as we have in the past.

Visitors-

Old Business:

1. **Blackduck Chamber Fall Dinner**
 - a. Monday the 28th at Hillcrest, unfortunately this date was not an option for Hillcrest. Moved to Tuesday October 29th instead
2. **Welcome Wagon – Visiting the Boys and Girls Club today-**
3. **Boys and Girls Club Update-** They have four program staff with two being teachers at the school, there are 34 youth registered with over 20 coming each day. Staff is still seeking support and additional funding in various places. Open house/Ribbon cutting is October 15th from 5pm to 7pm just before the Blackduck vs Kelliher volleyball game at the Blackduck school. There will be food, refreshments and mini tours and a small ceremony at 6:30 before the start of the game. Please come support this event!
4. **Duck Update-** City discussed using some of the funds to put a band aid on the duck, utilizing local options to do new fiberglass and paint on the duck, more of a temporary fix with additional/remaining funds would be delegated to the wayside rest duck. It was also discussed if a partnership between the school and or the fire department could be found to build a structure to cover the duck and keep it more protected, which would include an option for memorial for retired firefighters.

New Business:

1. **Glow in the Snow** Letters/donation requests are sent out, looking for business and community support, last year about \$2,000 in donations were received. The committee has applied for a Beltrami Electric Round-Up Grant for additional support. Discussed plans of expanding the project with a rebar tree with local support and donations of materials and time. Storage of items has been at the Moon Drug Building. Please contact the committee, Tony Rossberg, John Winnett, Max Gullette and Jennifer Parker if you’re interested in helping or have questions on how you can support this event
2. **Other-**



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- a. Jennifer sent updates for a Holiday Kickoff on November 9th in conjunction with the Holiday Craft Fair at the school. Flyers were sent to businesses. There will also be promotions for Small Business Saturday on November 30th, please reach out to Jennifer if you are interested in participating and have questions!
- b. Coats for the community in Blackduck- Accepting coats until October 13th, event is October 14th from 10 am to 4 pm in the High School commons.

Upcoming Events-

Boys and Girls Club Ribbon Cutting and Open House October 15th 5pm-7pm
Chamber Appreciation Dinner- October 29th, 6:30 at Hillcrest Supper Club
Shop Local- Ladies Day- November 9th
Small Business Saturday- November 30th
Glow in the Snow- November 30th

Adjournment – Moved by Winnett to adjourn, seconded by Kewitsch. Meeting adjourned 12:30pm, Chamber members then went to the Boys and Girls Club to tour.

Next meeting will be held October 16th at The Pond
Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce updates respectively submitted by Tara Klaers.