

Meeting was convened by President Barb Lowe at 10:00 AM at Pleasant View Baptist church. Present were: President Barb Lowe, Secretary Charlie Stefani, Treasurer Linda Wdowiak and members Char Hurt, and Verna Lowe.

Minutes were approved as presented on email.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Linda Wdowiak.

The current checkbook balance is \$7297.54. There are some outstanding bills to pay: \$156.88 to Print Shop, \$125 – Rodeo, \$72 for roses to the Banana Co., \$100 for radio ad Thank You Ad- 14” ad will cost \$121.80, \$40 reimbursed to Barb Lowe for printing Total sales tax to be paid on stuff for Fireman's Ball- \$91.68

Moved to pay bills as presented by Charlie Stefani, seconded by Verna Lowe, passed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **a suggestion for next year-** place a minimum bid on silent auction items

OLD BUS.- Christmas decorations- the cost of electricity was previously paid by the city of White Bird. This year, the Council has requested the Chamber help out with the expense. The cost to the Chamber would be \$75. Young people made hearts for Valentines and sold them taking in \$78 in revenue. That amount covers the cost of electricity for the Christmas lights.

Barb Lowe reported that Donnie Sickels has volunteered to fix the electrical supply so that it does not cost the City. He has also offered to pay for the electricity consumption of the Christmas lights in the future. Big thank you to Mr. Sickels.

NEW BUS.-

Barb Lowe reported that as the grant possibilities continue, the Chamber may need to seek a grant administrator. Someone will need to manage the grant, distribute the moneys, keep the records, report to the Chamber, etc. There may also be expenses for the purchase of a computer and ink, a printer, supplies, etc.

There also needs to be a meeting of all parties regarding the collection of the data so that White Bird can submit our information to the grant writer in Riggins. He has agreed to include our information in the application if we get it to him. Barb will try to set up a meeting for Feb. 29 to include the Chamber, Parks & Rec, advertisers, City of White Bird, and others with vested interests.

The Chamber would like to be involved with improving some of the road signage in the area. Verna Lowe offered to contact the Road Commissioners regarding signage to Pittsburg Landing. Complaints have been made that directions are not clear enough for all nonresidents.

Char reported that she had some newsletters left over on the Winter issue. She also suggested that we consider printing the newsletter in color. Char also reported she spends much of her website time keeping the calendar updated. Our statistics continue to improve. In the past month, over 850 different users looked at the website. Over 50 of them checked in more than once.

Sausage Feed/Breakfast is scheduled for March 13. Plans are progressing well. Meal price will be \$8.00. It is scheduled from 7:30 AM-12:30. We plan to sell the sausage at the breakfast without taking pre-orders, as we try to simplify things. Bulk sausage will be the same as last year, \$13/ 4lb. package. Verna will contact volunteers to help with decorating, busing tables, and the like.

Treasurer Linda Wdowiak presented a report on the Fireman's Ball. Bottom Line:

The Chamber will present to each of the four fire departments, \$1425. That is almost as much as was raised last year. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event a success.

There was a discussion regarding the purchase of epi-packs.

There was a brief discussion of the Easter Egg Hunt. Rene and Cody Farmer had planned to come to the meeting to discuss the event. The event is planned for March 26. The Chamber is unaware of how the whole thing works as well as its financial workings. The Chamber has agreed to submit \$100 for the start-up costs. This is what the Chamber has done previously.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF WBCC- MONDAY, MAR 14, 2016**

Red's River Café at 11:00 AM-

**REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE.** All but about 10 are paid up, **THANK YOU.** Also, help us keep the kiosk signs up to date.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Stefani                      Secretary