

June 20, 2011

East Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes

Directors Present: John Davis; Dianna Elzer, treasurer; Don Elzer, president; Luci Patterson, secretary; Kerri Stewart; and Endia Wisser, vice-president.

Members Present: 18

Don Elzer started the meeting at 7:05p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Theatre progress – Not much progress has been done. An HVAC unit will cost \$25,000. Planters are being sold to help raise money for this. The stage also needs to get done. The “Vindicator” is going to be doing an article on the theatre. Marty Grim suggested that the Chamber get Pam Figley to help with decorating the pots.
- B. Chamber office – The clock tower is up and running. The electric is on thanks to Tom Povenski (TAPCO). Bricks have been donated for the walk way in front of the office, by. We have only had 9 sponsors for the bricks we would like to get 500 sold. The path should be done by the July Chamber meeting and the inside of the building by the August meeting.
- C. Directory Update – Call Kerri at Bea’s Insurance
- D. Flower Pots – Orders are being taken. They are \$1000.00 a piece and you will get a tag with your name on it. We are hoping to sell 20.
- E. Kids pool update – In talks with architect, Doug Sipp. He is working with McKay & Gould on this project.
- F. Memorial brick sales forms available – These forms will be available at the Chamber tent on the 4th of July. 5000 pavers were donated by Jo & Jerry Kyle.
- G. Pet Walk – about 50 participants.
- H. Rabies Clinic – 100 pets in 2 hours. Will try and do again next year.
- I. 4th of July progress – see below
- J. Downtown business sidewalk sale – Jason Whitehead said there was a lot of positive feedback. The only bad thing was trying to get cooperation from the “Morning Journal”.
- K. Curb & fire hydrant painting – we need help getting these projects finished. If you have extra time, please call Kerri at Bea’s Insurance or Don. They will be able to get you the paint.
- L. Special shout out to people in town – Don recognized some people helping out around town. Marty Grim is keeping the Veteran’s Memorial area nice. C.H. and Joyce McCutcheon are taking care of the sign. Darryl and John Hersh are helping with the Farmer’s Market this year. The bathrooms at the park are being worked on by a number of people.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Welcome new members – Jim’s Shamrock Inn and Emmanuel Methodist Church
- B. Farmer’s market – Will start July 7th at Centenary Parking Lot
- C. Veteran’s Memorial and park mural – Can’t paint directly on these buildings due to too rough of a surface. A wooden frame has been built so the murals can be painted on them and then placed on the buildings. Shawn McNaley is doing the mural by the Veteran’s memorial (there will be some familiar faces in this mural). Melissa Seltz is doing the mural for the back of the Chamber office (she took pictures of the park during the 4 seasons and will be painting from those).
- D. Trash cans – Some of the trash can holders throughout town do not have cans in them, because they won’t fit. Working on getting cans that fit.
- E. Mexican Restaurant grand opening and ribbon cutting on June 14th – this went well.
- F. Movies in the park – Rotary and the Park Board will be sponsoring movies in park every Friday night in July.
 - July 8th – “Karate Kid” with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan
 - July 15th – “Jaws” with Richard Dryfuss
 - July 22nd – “The Great Outdoors” with Dan Aykroyd and John Candy
 - July 29th – “E.T.” with Drew Barrymore and Henry Thomas
- G. Concerts in the park – Concerts will be held each Friday night in August from 7-9.
- H. Feeze’s will be hosting a Cystic Fibrosis Benefit in honor of their daughter who recently died from this disease. July 7th-8th at Buffalo Hollow. Charlie Daniels Band and other great bands will be performing. They are in need of sponsors.
- I. Don asked if he could get banners to hang up between Christmas Treasures and M&T Newstand (he and Dianna own both buildings). The banners would be for the Farmer’s Market, the 4th of July, etc. Everyone in attendance liked the idea.

FOURTH OF JULY

Endia Wisser is once again headed up this fun filled day. Lots of volunteers are needed. If you can help out please call Endia to let her know.

8a.m.-11a.m. Alumni breakfast (they are looking for new, younger people to take this event over for next year)

11a.m. – 5p.m. Alumni Chinese Auction

10a.m. Pet parade

12p.m. – 4p.m. Bouncers and Dunk Tank will be open

Bike parade

12:15p.m. Dance Connection will do a performance

1:00p.m. Talent Show

2:00p.m. Kid games

2:30p.m. Honor our outstanding athletes: Jake DiCello and Chloe Snyder – participated at State for track; ITCL Boys Basketball Champions; Cole Raley and Sadie Walker – Pitch, Hit, and Run winners will be there for sure. We are trying really hard to get JT Miller to come. As some of you know, JT went to school here until his sophomore year when he moved to Michigan to be a part of TEAM USA all star hockey team. JT was recently selected 15th in NHL draft by the New York Rangers.

4:00p.m. Duck Derby

5:00p.m. Bed Race

Vendors: Pizza Hut, Rotary, D&R Concessions, Rita's Italian Ice, Ozer Ministries, Big Dawg, McCoys, and Dance Connection

Bands: EP Church of the Nazarene, Heidi Palmer, Ben Flint, No One Special, Chub Scouts, and Livid

Trent Wisser will once again be the MC.

5 port-a-johns were rented at \$70 a piece

Fireworks will be provided by Feezles

Lots of big donations this year: A special thank you to: EP McDonald's-\$1500 and RBS Manufacturing-\$1000

CSI will be donating garbage cans.

T&M Hardware is donating the Bouncer, Dunk Tank, and the big tent to keep people out of the sun.

Dianna is working on the program for the day and Don is getting the stage.

Don closed the meeting at 7:50p.m.