

Tuesday June 05, 2016
Board Meeting
IDA GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Ida Grove Chamber of Commerce met at Remer Realty on Tuesday, July 05, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 12 pm by JD Parks, President. The following officers and directors were present; JD Parks, Rita Frahm, Grant Patera, Dan Remer, Jerrica Brenner, Paige Alesch and Dana Phillips.

The Agenda was **approved by** Grant Patera and **seconded by** Dan Remer.

Minutes from the meeting on April 5th were approved by Rita Frahm and seconded by Grant Patera.

There were two bills to approve for the month of July. US Cellular \$61.23 and United Fire Group \$610.00. Some of the committee members questioned what the bill for United Fire Group was for and JD Parks replied that it was insurance for the Christmas decorations that hang on the light poles downtown. The Chamber has decided to give these decorations to the city since they store and hang them up. Grant will talk to the city about this. Dan Remer approved the bills and it was seconded by Jerrica Brenner.

Financial Reports from the beginning of the year until June 30, 2016 were reviewed. The Chamber Bucks account is showing negative and this is because businesses are turning in old Chamber Bucks. The new Chamber Bucks have an expiration date on them.

JD Parks, President talked about:

1. **Chamber Coffee-** The next Chamber coffee will be held at Christensen-Van Houten Funeral Home on July 21st at 9 am. The public is welcome. Grant is in charge of setting this up with the funeral home. The August Chamber coffee will be held at State Farm.
2. **Easter Party-** No Report.
3. **City Wide Garage Sales-** No report.
4. **Golf Outing-**The golf outing was discussed and door prize lists were handed out. The Chamber will meet July 14th to write thank you's to sponsors. The outcome of the golf outing will be discussed at the work session on July 19th.
5. **Farmers Market Report-**
6. **Holiday/Chamber Bucks-** No Report
7. **Website/Facebook Committee-**No Report
8. **Memberships** No Report
9. **Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee-**No Report
10. **Annual Meeting/Awards Committee-**Jerrica has a couple of speakers in mind for the annual meeting. She will be getting some information on them to share with the members.
11. **Other:** The Chamber will be grilling during Crazy Days but a date has not been set yet.

Old Business:

Theatre Discussion: No Report

Open Positions and Officer Positions: No Report

New Business Ribbon Cuttings/Open House: There was a ribbon cutting at Gordon's Body Shop's new location on July 11th

New Business:

Home Base Iowa: Rita Frahm gave an update on this project. She stated that they haven't gotten a good response from businesses. Businesses are encouraged to sign up for this to attract military families to Ida Grove. Other communities have done this and it has been very beneficial for them. Military families could get discounts, tax benefits and jobs. The Chamber would be interested in doing a welcome basket for new families coming to town.

Downtown Revitaliation: Jerrica gave an update on her and Mark Brenner's plan to make the downtown look more appealing with new trash cans, benches, landscaping. They were going to the city council meeting to see what they needed to do to get this project started.

It was **moved by** Ryan Goodman and seconded by Jerrica Brenner to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

Next Work Session will be Tuesday July 21st at Remer Realty.

Next Monthly Meeting is August 2, 2016 at 12 pm at Remer Realty.

Minutes by Board Member, Dana Phillips