Grant County Chamber of Commerce

Monthly Meeting

November 18, 2021

**Call Meeting to Order** – Sherrie called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

**Establish Quorum** – Present were President Sherrie Rininger, President-Elect Taci Philbrook, Vice President Sally Knowles, Directors Jerry Franklin and Dave Driscoll, Bob Shive, Tory Stinnett, Howard and Marsha Gieger, Don Hann, Don Merritt, and Gary Wilson virtually.

**Approval of the Minutes from October 21, 2021 –** Tabled due to lack of a quorum.

**Financial Report** – The financial report was included in the packets. Tammy asked if anyone had questions. There were none.

**Monthly Office Repor**t – Tammy said she is working on the new directory. She said she is trying to get all of the memberships to renew so they can be included in the directory and on the

Shop Local Ads that will be coming out soon. She gave the board a list of businesses that are not Chamber members and challenged them to get them to join.

There was a problem with the Zoom meeting. Tammy realized that she had sent out the wrong link, and sent the right ones to those waiting to join the meeting. Gary Wilson joined the meeting via zoom.

Debbie Hueckman – DHS – Debbie had asked to be on the agenda to present some programs that DHS had. She asked to reschedule.

**Museum Representatives** – The representatives from the various museums were introduced. Dave suggested the formation of a Grant County Historical Association. He explained that if there were an “umbrella” organization not related to museum ownership, it could be used for fundraising and grant applications and it would be better than the individual organizations trying to do it on their own.

There was a long discussion regarding what the problems are for the museums and ways to help them.

The representatives agreed that funding was the main problem with all three museums. Staffing was also an issue. The representatives all agreed that the umbrella organization was a good idea. Dave said he would check in to what needs to be done and set up a meeting with them at a later date.

**Committee Reports** – Technology – Harsh called in and gave an update on the website.

Budget - Taci said the Budget Committee had met to discuss the excess received from Transient Room Tax ($46,000) that had not been included in the current budget. She said the Budget committee is recommending increases in the following line items:

Chamber Store Merchandise - $1,500 – new amount: $3,500

Webmaster and Social-Media - $15,000 – new amount $20,000

Member Appreciation Dinner and Annual Meeting - $7,000 -new amount – $10,000

Facility Enhancement - $12,000 – new amount $21,600.00

Volunteer Accident Insurance - $300 – new amount $300

Professional Services - $2,000 – new amount $7,000

Contingency - $8,200 – new amount - $37,937.50

Marketing Committee – Sherrie reported that a winner has been chosen for the photo contest. Tammy showed the board the winning photo of Strawberry Lake by Torin Foster. She said the photo will be used for our 2022-23 print ads in the visitor guides.

Updates: Grape and Grain – Sherrie said she has reserved the Fairgrounds pavilion for May 11th and she would like to move forward with planning the event.

Membership Directory – Tammy said she is working on it and she will send the information to Eloise as she progresses.

Kam Wah Chung Brochure – Tammy had a quote from Eloise to print the brochures. She asked the board how many they want to have printed. No decision was made because there was not a quorum.

Christmas Party – Tammy said she would like to have a Christmas party for the staff and volunteers. The board agreed. She asked when, and it was decided it would be Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 PM at the Chamber office.

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.