

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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- » The local map publication has been removed from the budget as an income-generating source for the operating budget. As fewer maps are distributed each year, we don't want to be forced into publishing something just to make budget.
- » No changes were made to the projected income or expense on any of the event programs: wine tasting, golf tournament, holiday madness, annual banquet, etc.
- » Expense lines were adjusted in the general budget class to better reflect actual spending from average of last 2 years. We've spent less in postage, but more in office supplies.

Business & Community Development

Frank Christopherson, committee member for the EDA and Planning Commission, shared the following highlights:

- » City of Pine City approved a revolving loan package for a new child care center that is slated to open in 2019 in the Northridge development area. The property was formerly the Pine City Health & Fitness Center.
- » Don Julio's has submitted their site plan for remodeling of the Hillside Avenue property to city staff for review.
- » The entrance sign for the Pine City Technology Park is being reviewed for possible changes to include the City logo and information about property available in the technology park.

Committee Reports

Annual Banquet

- » Increase in attendance from 2017 event with a total of 94 registered attendees.
- » Many positive comments about the games & appetizers as well as the casual event atmosphere.

Citizen of the Year

- » Held the same week as the Annual Banquet and much later than the "normal" schedule for this event, but it was the date that worked the best for Barb Videen and family.
- » There were approximately 70 guests in attendance.
- » The appetizer and dessert selection was limited in comparison to previous events.

Holiday Madness

- » Date set for the first Saturday in December, the 1st.
- » Schedule of activities is very similar to previous years: Jingle Bell Jog, Parade, Chili Cook-Off, Petting Zoo, etc.
- » We've nearly tripled donations for the event this year over last year, with a projected \$1,450 to be given away as part of the Holiday Madness events.
- » Still looking for volunteers to coordinate Santa's float for this year as the horse & buggy option used in 2017 is not available this year.

Networking

- » The question board that was presented at the Annual Banquet this year was an effort to gather feedback from the membership on what types of networking they would like us to pursue.... and when it works best.
- » Suggestion to limit the lunch events to only being held once per quarter and focus them onto a specific topic.

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Chamber Member Updates

- » Mayor Carl Pederson recently learned about the DEED Pipeline Program and felt that this would be a good topic for a future luncheon event. Becky will work with city staff to coordinate a date for this session in February.
- » Toys for Tots program has launched for this year. Applications are available and the donation boxes will be out in local businesses following the Thanksgiving holiday. Looking for gifts for kids Birth to age 12.
- » Mayor Pederson also shared that city staff, city engineering firm SHE, and MNDOT met to discuss the plans for the new Co Rd 7 overpass bridge at Exit 169.

Motion to adjourn by Cummings at 12:50 PM, second by Blaufuss. Motion carried.