

Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 8:45 am
161 Building, Columbus, WI
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The monthly meeting called to order @ 8:45 am by President Katie Nichols. Members present: Barbara Oelke, Katie Nichols, Suzanne Walcott, Patti Walker, Sarah Meintzer by phone, and by Zoom, JD Milburn.

Bob Turner, from Web Wisconsin, was present to update us on the new website. Discussion and suggestions followed. Motion by Patti Walker, 2nd by Barbara Oelke to give Katie Nichols authority to approve website when corrections made. Carried voice vote. More information is needed on social media, google, and Facebook to connect to website. JD will connect with Bob to get that information updated.

Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report of September 3, 2024, placed on file. Membership list updated and new community business will be recognized. Motion by Katie Nichols, 2nd by Patti Walker to give purchase plants at Secret Garden to recognize Magnolia Bar & Grill, Coffee Garage, and the new Vape Store. Motioned carried, voice vote.

Date Plaques for membership have been ordered and are ready to pick up. We will update all members with their plaques at the next meeting. We will mail them out. Patti Walker is checking the cost for mailing.

Old Business:

Red Bud Days: Patti Walker talked with Brian at Jungs, and they are very excited to do a bare root sale of Red Bud Trees during our next Red Bud Days. They have volunteered to have someone speak to interested citizens on the planting and care of the trees. Trees will be pre-ordered online with pick up on Red Bud Days.

Working on Wine Walk

Fall Rummage Sale is being planned.

Fire Station Trick or Treat is being planned in conjunction with Recreation Department.

Mail: Received request from CHLPC for sponsorship of the Annual Calendar. Motion by Patti Walker, 2nd by Barbara Oelke to place a \$30.00 ad. Motion carried voice vote.

Working on Cookie Walk for Saturday December 14th. Will have a trolley to move people from Park Pavilion to the downtown.

Lights of Love celebrating 40th year December 15th at Prairie Ridge Health.

Vibrant Spaces: Suggested the chamber work with Tourism to get grant to upgrade Davies Park. JD is planning on attending their workshop and will send information. Suggestion to place a Red Bud tree in Davies Park.

New Business:

Annual meeting needs to be planned. Patti and Katie have some ideas and will begin planning.

Nominating Committee needed to nominate people to the board to be voted on at the annual meeting.

City, Public Works, and Utilities want to plan a meeting, along with businesses, as an informational meeting, gather ideas for needs and how we can work together. City will plan and we just need to participate.

Motion by Barbara Oelke, 2nd by Katie Nichols to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Walcott, Acting Secretary