

Exira Chamber of Commerce
January 12, 2011
12 noon
City Council Meeting Room

The Exira Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 12 noon in the City Council Meeting Room. Present: Carol Lea Rasmussen, Abby Rasmussen, Joan Shaffer, Brenda Bengard, Amber Wilson, Jane Houchins, Jennifer Marxen, and Margy Hansen.

President Abby Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 12 noon.

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed.

The treasurer reported \$921.99 in checking. Margy added \$185 from the Christmas cookie walk and \$32.50 from the sale of Exira postcards.

City Council report – Brenda Bengard

1. Council approved Lion's Club's use of 5013C status to apply for a grant for repair of their kitchen
2. Mike Huegerich will represent the City of Exira Dennis Ballou will represent Audubon County at E911 meetings
3. Library requested "No Weapons Allowed" signage; request put on hold for now
4. Annual township meeting will be held January 26, 2011
5. Brenda Bengard appointed as mayor protem; other council members assigned to various committees
6. Darrell Kilworth presented several requests in regard to the park (more information is needed to meet the Feb 1st grant deadline)

Audubon County Economic Development – Carol Lea

1. Carol Lea continues to work with Margee Shaffer on signage for the Exira area
 - a. Margy Hansen asked if that could include sign for the flood park
2. West Central Coop continues with building "bean" collection site, north of Hamlin
3. Carol Lea has understood that taxes at Valley Business Park may be prohibitive to new businesses settling there

Exira Community Club – Judy Bintner

1. Have not met
2. Will have to make decisions as to carnival for July 4th
3. Cord McCoy has offered to help organize a rodeo (be it PBR sponsored or local)

Old Business

1. Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale – February 6
 - a. Judy Bintner – chair
 - b. Meal will include sandwich, chips, bar
 1. Bars (jelly roll size pan) will be provided by Amber Wilson, Kylie (Adkins), Joan Shaffer, Abby Rasmussen, Carol Lea Rasmussen, Margy Hansen
 - c. Judy B will ask Tammy Magner if her Girl Scouts will help make sandwiches; Judy will find additional help, if needed

- d. 74 sandwiches made in 2010
 - e. Sandwiched will be available for pick up at the Rec Center
 - f. Judy will advertise in church newsletters
2. Murder Mystery Dinner Theater – February 26, 2011
 - a. Business based out of St. Louis; actors will be from Des Moines
 - b. Cost: \$1695 for 200 people (additional \$6/person over 200)
 1. Deposit required to secure date; will probably ask for “A Fistful of Hollers” play
 2. Expect to charge \$25/ticket
 - c. Food: Lion’s/Amber will organize
 1. Will probably prepare meat and perhaps potato with rest of food donated
 2. Will also have cash bar
 - d. Troupe requires sound system; Abby will check with school to see if system could be borrowed
 - e. Advertising: Jen Marxen will be responsible
 - f. Tickets will be available from area businesses and Chamber members
 - g. Profit will support library expansion
3. Julie’s Women’s Day Out
 - a. Brenda will check with Julie if there would be a vendor available for Chamber to partner with to fund raise for the library
4. Real estate/businesses available for sale
 - a. The Country Junction building is available (@ \$15,000)
 - b. Investigation continues into establishing grocery store
 - c. Twigs is closing; Abby will carry Willow Tree and figurines; Margy will continue candle line and Park Design company, Susie may take on consignments

New Business

1. Margy is hosting a “bus” tour, June 3rd and 4th, 2011; will need help with 2 meals

The next meeting will be February 9, 2011 at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Shaffer