

Exira Chamber of Commerce  
February 9, 2011  
12 noon  
City Council Meeting Room

The Exira Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 12 noon in the City Council Meeting Room. Present: Abby Rasmussen, Carol Lea Rasmussen, Jen Marxen, Sandy Bauer, Amber Wilson, Brenda Bengard, Joan Shaffer, Judy Bintner, Jane Houchins, and Margy Hansen.

President Abby called the meeting to order at 12 noon.

The minutes are posted on the web site and at the post office, library, and bank. They were not read.

Treasurer's report: Balance on Hand -\$373.51 (after bills of \$800 deposit to Jest Murder Mysteries, \$7.60 to Exira Community Club for carry out containers, \$176.98 to Hy-Vee for sub sandwich supplies)  
Balance on Hand for Festival of Lights - \$941.35

Will have additional bill for flowers for Tammy Magner/Windstream and Judy Hansen/Twigs

Reports:

Carol Lea Rasmussen - Grant money for sign at bike trail/Red Barn

Hoping to receive grant money for flood park sign

Margy Hansen writing grant for improvements at bike trail/Red Barn

Grocery Store - annual report indicates that last payment made in August; committee has met yet to make decisions regarding future

Sandy Bauer - library has received \$50,000 grant from Iowa West Foundation; applying for \$60,000 from Carver Foundation

Spaghetti dinner (organized by Lion's Club) went well; served #133; ran out of food

Brenda Bengard - Lady's Day Out (3/19/11, 1 - 5 PM) - Sarah Wood (Pampered Chef) willing to donate 10-15% of sales to the Chamber to benefit the library (Brenda will check with Julie for approval of vendor

1. Hors d'oeuvre's will be provided by: Joan Shaffer, Abby Rasmussen (Texas caviar and Chips), Carol Lea Rasmussen (cocktail wieners), Jen Marxen, Sandy Bauer, Judy Bintner
2. Carol Lea will check with Audubon County Cancer Society to possibility of having bake sale at event to benefit Relay for Life

Dinner Theater - 1. Tickets available at local businesses, City Clerk's office and from library board and Chamber members (Need to know # of tickets and meat preference by 2/18/11)

2. Table cloths available from Kasperbauer Cleaners (will have 25 tables, with 8/table)
3. Joan has #200 bandanas for napkins
4. Rhoda Williams and Jen Marxen will paint cardboard backdrops to be put on 1 wall
5. Judy Bintner will create "bar" to be placed in dining hall (to avoid congestion in kitchen)
6. Will look for pie tins, pint jars to use for serving
7. Will use mirrors, cowboy boots for centerpieces; Abby will look into "candle/lanterns"
8. Food: Lion's Club will provide salad and #10 desserts
  - a. Desserts to serve 15 provided by: Carol Lea, Joan, Jane Houchins, Kaye Rasmussen
  - b. Abby will get peanuts, pretzel to place on tables

Will meet again Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 P.M. in Council meeting room, to complete dinner theater discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Shaffer  
Secretary