

Exira Chamber of Commerce  
November 13, 2009  
12 noon

The Exira Chamber of Commerce met Friday, November 13, 2009 at 12 noon in the City Council meeting room. Present: Judy Bintner, Jill Christensen, Ron Graham, Jane Houchins, Judi Hansen, Margy Hansen, Donna Johnson, Jim Johnson, Sheila Kearney, Tammy Magner, Jen Marxen, Carol Lea Rasmussen, and Joan Shaffer.

The minutes were read and corrected.

Treasurer's Report: balance on hand \$1325.45.

Old Business

- A. Chamber polo shirts – no further orders taken
- B. City Council report (Ron) –
  - 1. Kevin Petty will be retired as of 12/31/09; city has gotten 3 part time police officers on board and possibly a fourth; Mayor Graham would like 4 additional officers
  - 2. No further information on Audubon/Cass business park
- C. Community Club report
  - 1. Tree lighting
    - a. \$1344.24 in Festival of Lights account
    - b. Ornament will be available for Twig's open house
    - c. 2 lighted trees will be ordered for Hwy 71 (is 1 working tree available to be erected at another site)
    - d. Matt Mills will cut and erect tree (in middle of street)
      - 1. Community will need to participate in decorating of city on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM; Soup lunch will be provided
      - 2. Exira Senior class and Connie Jessen will check tree light bulbs and help decorate Rec Center for 12/5/09 tree lighting
    - e. Will not have home decorating contest
    - f. Cookie Walk – Margy Hansen will chair; she will need volunteers to bring cookies or candy in time for the 5 o'clock sale
- D. Additional Christmas preparations
  - 1. Judi Nelson and Carol Lea are encouraging businesses to decorate for the holidays
    - a. 11 wreaths are available for business use
    - b. John Asberry is working on "Happy Holiday's" sign; will need someone to wrap with lights and/or garland; it will be placed on Mills' property on Washington St.
    - c. Any organizations/businesses wanting to decorate in the city park should contact Carol Lea
- E. Soup Sampler (1/17/10), Rec Center, \$5 admission
  - 1. Will establish committee at December meeting

2. Will consider making desserts available, as well as soup
- F. Super Bowl Sunday (2/7/10)
  1. Will ask Lion's Club if their building is available for preparing, serving sandwich, chips, bars (presale and from 11 AM – 4 PM) Carol Lea will check
- G. Valentine event – Wailin Big Band will be entertainment for Audubon County Fair Board 2/14/10
- H. Spring Fling – date uncertain
- I. October get acquainted brunch – 3 guests attended (as well as about 100 community members)
  1. Income \$587, ads \$42, groceries \$241.76, profit=\$303.24
  2. Masons will buy biscuits (in freezer at Exira Farm Service)

#### New Business

- A. Sheila's Victorian Tea Room will open 11/18/09
- B. Open house of downtown businesses will be 11/27, 28/09
- C. American Cancer Society, Audubon County Run Walk will be in Exira June 19, 2010, 8 – 12:30 PM, City Park
  1. Will advertise with tree at Extension Tree Walk, 11/21,22/09
  2. Will also bring tree to Exira tree lighting, along with quilt (chances will be sold on quilt)

The next meeting will be Friday, December 11, 2009, 12 noon in the City Council meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Shaffer  
Secretary