

**POWELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes are from the December 5, 2014 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Therese Hunt, Linda Spaulding, Rocky Wozny and Marge Bloomquist and Dave Williams.

Also present: John Zurak, Julie Schroeder and Sarah Bannon

Due to a quorum not being present, a full Board Meeting could not be held.
The meeting started at 12:15 pm

Dave will look into Robert's Rules to see if the President can be allowed to vote in the case of a Quorum not being present. The Chamber's Rules and Regs will need to be amended and voted on in a future meeting.

Dave asked that the next Board Meeting be held over to the 9th of January 2015. This was agreed by those present.

- **Secretary's Report** – Dave reported membership stands at 81. Inquiries were down 18 to 38, 20 phone calls, 13 emails and 5 office visits. Mailed out 2 relocation packs. Website statistics were up at 1,069,706 hits (+23,372), 1,038,610 page views (+30,200) and 19,364 unique visitors (+2,485). 720 pdfs were downloaded (-248).

Dave has contacted Paul Babb at NorthWestern Energy regarding sponsoring the Demo Derby Main Event and next year's Parade of Lights. Paul agreed to sponsor both at \$500 each. Dave will send an invoice for \$1,000 to NWE in the new year.

The Board of Directors ballots and membership renewal's are out in the mail.

The High School scholarship is due by March 1st, table decision for a future meeting.

The membership for SouthWest Montana is due at \$95 for the year. Sarah said decision and payment will not be required before our next meeting, so tabled until January.

Gift Certificates for the stroll have been collected from local businesses to the amount of \$260. The Chamber will issue a GC for \$100.

Dave and Sarah spoke about the very poor online reviews for the Budget Inn appearing on TripAdvisor. Dave will still send them an application form for membership to the Chamber.

- **Chamber Banquet** – Bob reported on the Income and Expense report for the Chamber Awards Banquet. The cost of the dinners was disputed, but a partial refund check was provided to bring the cost down to an agreed amount.

- **Christmas Stroll** – Rocky announced that the Deputy Warden Tom Wood will judge the Parade of Lights. Dave told Rocky that Grant had informed him that Steele's will not take part in the Parade. T will get candy from Valley Foods for Santa (Lem). T will work the 3:30 pm shift and Bob will be at the Tree at 6:30 pm

- **Job Service** – John will report back on the Philipsburg Chamber discussion next month

- **Other Business** – A Mexican Restaurant will be opening soon, located next to River's Edge.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm