



July 2, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was held at the Dundy County Senior Center located at 710 Chief Street, Benkelman, NE. Members present: Jann Clark, Florence Parker, Bob Prangley, Gary Clark and Rita Jones. .

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Gary Clark. Florence Parker attended as representative from the Dundy County Library. Gary complimented the organization for their decades of service to all area residents and noted the continued progress as evidenced by their status as a duly accredited library and their progress with computer access availability.
2. The minutes from the June 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Bob Prangley for approval of the minutes as recorded. Second by Jann Clark. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.
3. Treasurer Jann Clark submitted the treasurer's report for period ending 06-30-09. Beginning balance on the account as of June 1st was \$19,999.30. Total debits for the month were \$1,417.06 and total credits were \$525. It was noted that credits consisted of membership dues that continue to come in. Ending balance on June 30th was \$19,107.24. Motion by Rita Jones to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Second by Bob Prangley. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.
4. Old Business
 - a. Action Groups
 - i. Gary Clark reported that the Veterans War Memorial project is complete and is an excellent example of the community pride projects. Gary will put together an ad that lists the donors and those helping in the project. Gary noted that along with the group sponsorships, there were 17 individuals who assisted in project completion.
 - ii. Scott Vanderford was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The Website continues to provide good information. That site is www.bestofneb.com. Bob Prangley reported the process of responding to calls on the chamber phone has gone well. He noted that he has received mostly general questions about the community.

- b. Fall Festival – Bob Prangley provided a “Sales Event Report” regarding plans for consideration on a sales event for the weekend of the Fall Festival. Bob was notified that the plans for a seller’s market in a vacant building on Chief Street would not come to fruition as there have been other plans made for this particular building. Bob will check into other locations as well as the possibility of complimenting the citywide garage sales (already managed by the PINC Ladies) by holding a large auction of donated equipment. More information will follow as it becomes available.

With the September 18th date fast approaching, President Gary Clark has requested some additional meetings to get plans solidified for the “Rumble on the River – A Breast Cancer Event”. The dates for these meetings will be July 16th, July 30th, August 20th, and September 10th. **The July 16th meeting will be at 6:00 pm at Beth’s Bar & Grill. These meetings are open to any and all who would like to help with promotion.** Gary will be attending a street dance in Sterling, NE on Saturday, July 11th to have another opportunity to research the event set-up and visit with the band members from “The Rumbles”, the group who will be playing at the September 18th Street Dance. Gary has been working with Governor Dave Heineman’s office and expects to receive a proclamation for the event this coming week. This proclamation will kick off the fundraising for the event. Gary outlined an article from the New York Times with the group that notes with the decades of research there have been few advances in treatment of breast cancer. The highest treatment success rates are those patients whose cancer is detected early. Proceeds from the event will go to establish a fund at Dundy County Hospital for women who are unable to afford mammograms and/or are unable to qualify for other assistance programs. Gary discussed a float for the Dundy County Fair parade to promote the event and advertisements during the month of July listing all Fall Festival activities.

- c. Membership Drive – Gary provided the current listing of DCCCD membership. The listing continues to grow with 60 current members. There will be an upcoming ad that lists the current members and encourages others to join. Bob Prangley offered to call on members from the list that have not yet joined this year.

- d. 2009 Christmas Promotion – Nothing new at this time.

5. New Business:

- a. Some further discussion followed regarding ways to distribute the Dundy County Brochures. The group wished for any business in town to utilize these brochures for employee recruitment and note is made that copies of the brochures may be accessed through Ben Blecha. Distribution of the brochures in other communities was discussed. Jann will check with West Central to see if they have any brochure holders available.

6. Next meeting:

Special Meeting on July 16th, 6:00 pm at Beth’s Bar & Grill.

Regular meeting on August 6th, 6:00 pm at the Dundy County SR Center.

7. Adjournment at 6:45 pm

/s/ Rita Jones, Secretary DCCCD