



Monthly Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2011 • 12:00 noon
Rainbow Fountain Park Community Room

The July 2011 meeting was held at the Community Room, 100 Rainbow Fountain Park, Benkelman, NE. Members present: Martha Burgess, Melissa Jacobitz, Monica Mercer, Meghann Pursley, Joyce Blair, Arlene Stute, Rita Jones and Ben Blecha.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by President Martha Burgess. Martha reminded everyone to follow meeting standards — treat everyone with respect and be kind.

Minutes were presented for the June meeting. Joyce Blair moved to approve the minutes, Meghann Pursley seconded the motion — all approved in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Meghann Pursley reported that during the past month two bills were paid totaling \$81.85. Deposits from membership fees totaled \$1,899.00.

Website Report: Melissa Jacobitz indicated that the website is still very outdated and needs more current information added, including more recent meeting minutes and community events. Martha said she would go discuss the website with Scott and find out whether or not he is getting the files he needs to keeping the website current.

Phone Report:

In the absence of Bob Prangley, there was no phone report for the past month.

Email Report:

Martha had an email inviting the Dundy County Chamber to join the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce. The annual fee is \$300. We will reconsider possible membership in 2012.

Retail Report:

A new business in Benkelman opened its doors in early June. Stone House Deli is open Monday thru Saturday and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Old Business:

Martha said that Bob Prangley has agreed to start calling businesses that have not responded to their membership letters. He will make those calls this coming week while he is in Colorado. It is our goal to finish up the membership drive as soon as possible as 2011 is rolling along.

New Business:

- Because of her new business, Stone House Deli, President Martha Burgess asked everyone's opinion on moving the monthly meeting time to later in the day as it is hard for her to be away from the deli during the lunch hour. It was agreed to start future meetings at 5:15.

Updates on the Pre-Fair BBQ:

- Casey and Carrie Donahue will tend bar again this year.
- Melissa shared the information she gathered on water balloon launchers. Monica made a motion to purchase three launchers and that motion was seconded by Joyce. We decided to use the Paint Our Town t-shirts as prizes for those who are able to launch their balloons to the designated distance (to be determined once the game is set-up). Melissa said she would put her husband in charge of setting up the game. The game will be self-serve and run on the honor system.
- Volunteers should be at Hogelands by 8:00 a.m. to setup for the BBQ on Friday July 22, 2011.
- Monica will post directional signs along the road...beginning at the fair grounds.
- A banner will be ordered as a "fun photo" backdrop. Rita moved to purchase the banner online and that motion was seconded by Ben. Monica will design and order the banner from C4-Designs.
- Rita made a motion to approve the purchase of a digital camera for photographing attendees. We will mail their photos after the event and include a thank you for attending the BBQ. The motion was approved, Melissa will order the camera and a memory card off the internet.
- Meghann suggested taking the photos as people pass through the ticket line. She said she would seek her Mother's assistance in taking the photos.

The next meeting is set for August 4th at 5:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Fountain Park Community Room.

Adjournment 7:15 p.m.

/s/ Monica S Mercer, Secretary DCCCD