

Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce
General Membership meeting
September 12, 2013
NSI building

The Chamber co-hosted with NSI a school board candidate forum. The only candidate to attend was Dr. Donna Dearman. Candidate Neal Lacey sent a email of answers to questions NSI had asked of all candidates. Dr. Dearman spoke on her candidacy.

The Chamber meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Attendees: Colleen Love, DAC; Dr. Donna Dearman, School board candidate; Merle Carlson,; Diane Ziegner, NSI; Gene Stone and Rob Picou, Mat Su school district, Beth Valentine, Beadberry Patch; Joe Page, NSI; Jenny Krepel, Talkeetna Gifts & Collectables; Erin Aulman, NSI; Whitney, Princess Lodge.

Minutes were not available.

Treasurer's report was not available.

Committee Reports

Membership & Community Relations: not available

Marketing and Tourism: not doing ATIA, Possibly hosting a Talkeetna Water & Sewer forum with a mediator. Iceland Trade show?

Events: Live @ 5, a successful year although the new pavilion was a challenge for musicians, Moose on Parade was a success and raised more money than ever.

Persons to be heard:

Mat Su School District, Gene Stone, assistant superintendant and Rob Picou, curriculum coordinator, spoke of the district goal of being available to the community

Unfinished Business:

Water and Sewer: Would encourage chamber members to keep abreast of issues and to be involved.

River front clean happened throughout the summer every two weeks. Most businesses reported gathering about 4-6 lbs of garbage each time they collected. The August clean up needs to be better planned.

Park: Kiosk map, bathrooms, pavilion, grass, parking. Project status is unknown. Beth will check with Howard Carbone to see if there is still work to be done. Also to see if volunteers can install a wood 'stage' so the rain water gathering on the concrete pavilion floor does not pose a danger to performers with sound equipment.

Discussed the Toilet Trailer that the borough was willing to install last spring, Talkeetna Community Council voted it down, even though the Historical Society was granting permission for the use of the land. The dumping of the waste into the sewer system and the outside appearance were the issues.

Town Map- the plan is to have new members added to the map and a new map/brochure in members hands May 1st.

Brochure Rack- needs more brochure slots. Looking for a volunteer to install.

Administrative assistant/Website person: two positions open. It can be one or two persons.

Interviews next week.

New Business:

Board nominations: there are four seats open

Banquet committee: they are soliciting bids from restaurants and caterers for the banquet Oct 18th.

New member East Side Cabins- Diane Ziegner moves to approve as a new member. Jenny Krepel seconds. Motion passed.

Bathroom situation in summer- Jenny brought up the idea of chamber members donating to DAC to support the public bathrooms, supplies and maintenance since the businesses directly benefit from the number visitors to Talkeetna.

Announcements:

Diane-

Colleen

Joe – Foraker will present Board training for non profit board members, Sept 25 , 530 – 830pm at NSI

Brew fest – Sept 28th, in the afternoon