

Avilla Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes September 11, 2017

In attendance: 4 Members

President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Bill Ley made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Todd Carteaux seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer's report, balance is \$2,512.09. Motion to approve by Todd and Bill seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

The Noble County Fair Board position representative position remains open. If you know anyone interested, please contact us for more information at 260.242.4898 or email at avillachamber@gmail.com.

Relocating the Welcome To Avilla signs - The property owners West and South of town where we would like to place the signs have been contacted. The property owner West of town declined and we are still awaiting a response from the property owner to the South.

The membership was polled as to what kind of representation they wanted for membership, decals or plaques and total votes for decals is 8 and total votes for plaques is 4. Bill is going to check into how much this will cost to proceed with. Further discussion included getting pricing for a decal as well as a vinyl graphic. Should have pricing at the next meeting.

Details regarding Avilla Christmas Charities were discussed such as the Annual Christmas Benefit Turkey Dinner fliers and signs, toy and hat & glove drives, and items for sale to raise funds. The Oak Farm and Avilla Elementary Schools will do the toy and hat & glove drives. And the items for sale are the Anson fire pit (mentioned in previous meeting minutes) and three girls bicycles which were donated last year that we were not able to match up to needy families. If you are interested in any of the items for sale, contact the chamber at 260-242-4898.

501(c) 6 Reinstatement status - All forms, applications, and fees have been submitted and all we can do is wait for a response. Here is some history for those who may wonder what this is about. When Kevin Kelly was voted in as President he inquired as to what 501(c) the Chamber is? He learned that it is a 501(c)6 and that that status had lapsed in May of 2010 due to not filing the proper paperwork with the IRS for three consecutive years. He has been working with

Russ Shartzter (Case Family Taxes) who is donating his time and resources to help get the 501 status reinstated. Russ contacted the IRS and found that the last year in which the Chamber filed taxes was 2006. Since then, Kevin have been digging through Chamber records so that he could provide Russ enough information to file taxes for each year from 2007 to 2016. As well as update responsible parties with the state of Indiana and submit the necessary forms to request retroactive reinstatement of the IRS tax code 501(c)6. The last of that paperwork was mailed on Thursday, September 14, 2017. Now we must wait for the IRS to process all the applications and tax forms.

New Business

An Anson fire pit is up for sale for \$250, proceeds go directly to Avilla Christmas Charities.

Three girls bicycles are up for sale (donation) with all proceeds going directly to Avilla Christmas Charities. One Next brand "Lil Gem" that is red and purple with 16 inch tires. One Next brand "Slumber Party" that is pink with 20 inch tires. And one Huffy brand "Sea Star" that is purple with 20 inch tires. The Lil Gem has a dime size tear on each side of the seat but otherwise all three bikes look nice and are in good shape.

With no further business, Todd made a motion to adjourn. Bill seconded. The motion passed 4-0

Meeting ended at 7:03 p.m.

Our next meeting is on Monday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the library.