

Avilla Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes October 9, 2017

In attendance: 3 Members

President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Todd Carteaux made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Russ Shartzner seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's report was given, the balance is \$2161.45. Russ motioned to approve and Todd seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

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.

Bill Ley was unable to attend this meeting so there is no update given for sign removal or for a quote on decal pricing.

Avilla Christmas Charities Fundraiser:

- The turkey dinner signs are up, flyers are out, applications are available and an ad (for free) has been in the local newspaper and will run again in November's issue. Dawn Kelly will be contacting another paper and a local radio station for additional advertising.
- Two of the three bicycles have sold, there is now a small girls bike remaining. The firepit is also still available.
- Avilla Liquors has a cash donation box in place.
- Todd has contacted Avilla Elementary about a hat and glove drive and there is no update yet from Bill about Oak Farm.
- Restore Avilla has decided not to use their 501 (c) 3 status for the Dollar General Toy Drive.
- Todd has donors lined up from last year to donate food/utensils for the dinner. Kevin will be contacting Snyder Food Services to see if they're interested in participating. Kevin also mentioned that Avilla Country Kitchen may want to volunteer to help serve and supply items as well. Todd will contact them.

No update yet on our 501 (c) 6 status from the IRS.

New Business

Noble County Public Library East has reached out to work with the Chamber on the Trail of Treats and other events. We are looking into this and are hoping to be able to collaborate.

Current membership benefits were reviewed and we are asking members if they would like to offer discounts to other members as part of the benefits. One benefit that is being added is a Membership Referral Program. In-depth details will be released to the membership shortly about this program. Todd motioned to approve and Russ seconded; motion carried 3-0.

Kevin has contacted building and business owners on Albion Street for the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, with the exception of being able to reach Magpie's and the barber shop. Permission has been granted for for six locations, so far.

We are polling Facebook about how to improve and to determine interest in this year's Christmas House Decorating Contest.

Voting for the tree contest will be online only this year.

With no further business, Russ made a motion to adjourn. Todd seconded. The motion passed 3-0

Meeting ended at 6:54 p.m.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Avilla Library.