

## **Avilla Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes January 13, 2018**

In attendance: 4 Members

President Kevin Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Bill Ley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Mark Bleeke seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer's report was given, the balance is \$1420.30. Mark motioned to approve and Ruth Guthrie second. 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](mailto:avillachamber@gmail.com).

Relocating the Welcome To Avilla signs: Bill Ley checked with Hoosier Signs and was told that the signs could not be moved until the ground thaws.

Membership decals: Bill Ley received a quote from Hoosier Signs for a vinyl cling with a white background similar to what the Chamber has used previously and the prices are: 1-49 for \$2.25 each, 50-99 for \$1.88 each, and 100-250 for \$1.41 each. Bill motioned that the Chamber purchase 50 of the vinyl clings, Ruth Guthrie second. The motion passed 4-0.

Avilla Christmas Charities:

- A total of \$2135.08 was given to each church.
- We received a total of 33 applications; 16 were repeats from last year.
- 78 Children were helped.
- Funds were raised thru: BBQ sale, Annual Christmas Benefit Dinner, Businesses, Organizations, and individual donations.
- Food/Hat & Glove/Toy drives done by: Avilla Elementary School, Dollar General, Handy Dandy, and St Mary's School.
- A follow-up meeting is scheduled next week with the churches to review how things went and how we can make it better for next year.

House and Tree Decorating Contests:

- The house decorating contest was canceled due to lack of participation (3 entrants).

- Tree decorating contest had 5 participants: \$100 winner was Calvary UMC (127 votes), NCPLE (123 votes), Avilla Liquors (111 votes), Avilla Chamber (94 votes), and R&C Fab (88 votes).

The 501 ( c ) 6 status from the IRS: We received notice that the 501(c)6 has been retroactively reinstated to the date of revocation which was May 15, 2010. Thank you to Case Family Taxes for donating their time to file the paperwork to make this happen.

### **New Business**

Revisions to the By-Laws: As part of the request for the 501(c)6 reinstatement, we had to state what has or will change to ensure that the proper paperwork is filed with the IRS each year. Part of that statement was that the By-Laws would be revised to list specifically who is responsible for filing the paperwork each year. Therefore, section 8, Duties of Officers, is being revised to give primary responsibility to the Treasurer and secondary responsibility to the Vice President. Additionally, the Secretary duties are being updated to include the responsibility of membership records and renewal notices and receipts. These changes will be discussed again at the February meeting and voted on.

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

Meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.

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