

Cimarron Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting
Thursday, August 14, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Call to order: about 7:30am

In Attendance: Steve Nelson, Vallerie Vickers, Sharon Smith, Candee Rinde

We did not have the previous month's minute to review or approve.

The meeting opened with discussion about the Explore the Arts financial questions. It was found that the checks written for the ETA sale at the St. James in late fall/early Dec 2012 were recorded in the bank statement for December 2012. Eleven checks were written totaling \$2,148.62. A deposit was made of \$1,662.95 [one check #2495?-*hard to read*-from the St. James totaled \$1,162.95] into our account in December 28, 2012 totaling \$1,662.95. The difference of \$485.67 could not be found. It was speculated that the rest was given to Fritz in cash and can no longer be accounted for.

Steve started a discussion on the financial standing comparison between last year and current. A sheet was passed out.

Steve presented a new budget. It was reviewed and discussed.

The Lodger's Tax issue as well as the Beautification repayment to the Village Hall was discussed. It was discussed that Mindy Cahill sent Candee an email stating that there had not been enough money collected in Lodger's Tax to cover our request, and that she would sit on our request until the monies were available. The Board wondered why she didn't just give us what was available now and the difference when the money came in. Sharon pointed out that she found a website that stated that the Village of Cimarron collected \$20,371 in Lodger's Tax during the previous fiscal year. Questions were raised as to whether the Chamber even owed any money to the Village Hall for the Beautification project. It was decided to table the discussion of repayment and postpone any further repayments indefinitely, or until more information could be gathered.

Steve made a motion to approve the new budget. Sharon 2nd. Unanimously approved.

Sharon gave a team report regarding Cimarron Days. She pointed out that Sherry Bennett recently resigned her position and is no longer on the team. She discussed possible changes to the event, including making it a flea market once a month. She suggested this should be hashed out at the fall retreat.

Vallerie gave her team report about the Visitor Center. The only new discussions were regarding the recent near-fire and when the 2nd staff member's last day would be.

Candee shared her concerns regarding the recent near-fire caused by the electrical situation of the fountain. She shared that Mindy Vigil would see if there were Turner funds to share in order to

have the electrical system buried and wired properly. The Board decided that the fountain is the Village Hall's responsibility, since it sits on Village property, uses Village water and should be tied into Village electricity (not the Chamber's outdoor outlet via extension cords). Also, the Board stated that the Chamber does not have the resources at this time to take care of the problem.

Vallerie stated that Shanalynn Rinde's (the 2nd staff person) last day would be September 1, 2014, and beginning Sept 2 we would resume winter hours.

There was no old business.

New business- Steve suggested and it was agreed upon by the Board members present that our Fall Board Retreat will be Friday, October 24, 2014 from 10am-2pm at the Conference Room in the Philmont Administrative Office. Steve stated he would ask Joey to provide food.

Steve dismissed himself around 8:30am.

Sharon and Vallerie continued some soft discussions about the Board Retreat, extrapolative thinking, etc.

Meeting adjourned by 8:45am.