



Cimarron Chamber of Commerce
Report from the Executive Secretary:
Candee Rinde

October 2014

Date of Meeting: November 6, 2014

NOTEWORTHY

- The Visitor Center was robbed.
- The Blue Moon was robbed and hence, our payment check to Zia. We do not need to replace the check.

Action Items:

- Board Nominations
- Continue to investigate debt to Village Hall
- Prepare for & attend Village Council Meeting
- Sign new Canon copier contract
- What items do you want me to put in my Report to the Village Council?

Members in arrears who've been given an extension of Nov 15, 2014 or else lose their membership:

House of Pizza, Blue Moon/Cim Blue, Piper Bookkpg, Rick Enterprises, Road Runner Tours

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Board would like to recognize and welcome Jan Wessel as our new Director, effective Oct 24, 2014. Jan completes Judy Kahlor's term of 2014-2015. We all look forward to working with her.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

I have determined the nominations needed for the ballot, and have drawn up the letter/ballot to send out to the membership. Running again will be Vallerie Vickers and Marianne Graham. Two more names will be on the ballot, as confirmed by Vallerie. I will send out the ballots this afternoon.

NEWS

On October 14, during the night, someone came through the bathroom window of the Visitor Center and took all the money from the Sales Cash Box, took the Petty Cash bag, the donation jar, and our first aid kit. Total cash taken was around \$200, plus the first aid kit which cost around \$20. Candee discovered it and reported it to police on Oct 15. Chief Paul wrote my statement on notebook paper and did not ask me to sign any documents, official or otherwise.

As it turns out, the latch to the bathroom window does not lock the window (it's not working properly). I believe a good solution would be to put a wooden dowel (11.5" long) in place to secure it. I asked Gene Lamm if he had such a stick and he brought one over and put it in. That window is now secure. ☺

ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT

The Board Retreat on Oct 24 was successful. We had good discussions, the attitude was pleasant and hopeful, and much was accomplished. Everyone seemed glad they came. Thanks to Philmont for providing a delicious lunch. ☺

NEW BOOKKEEPER

Michlyn Hobbs from Eagle Nest has taken over for

both Sandy Sitzberger & Kaycee Sandoval. Michlyn & I are still working out our new process. We seem to work very well together. ☺

DEBT TO VILLAGE HALL

After much digging, it seems clear that the Chamber does indeed owe the Village reimbursements for the Scenic Byway project. Randy Saunders found the Minutes from the March 4, 2010 meeting where then-president Deborah Sanders stated that we need to repay the Village \$7500 for the scenic byway project. We will be meeting with Mindy Cahill again on Nov 19 to further discuss our debt. She is supposed to be producing documentation and a ledger verifying what we originally owed, what we've paid, and what we still owe.

Additionally, Michlyn at Piper Bookkeeping is doing some investigating on our end to try to nail down what monies have been collected, spent, etc, and will get a report ready by the Nov 6th meeting that tracks total dollars paid to the Village. She said she will begin making the \$50 payments to be sent with the water bill each month, as per Steve's request at the Board Retreat.

A LITTLE FINANCIAL FYI:

- If we owe the Village \$7500 and continue making \$50 payments, it will take us 12 ½ years to pay it off.
- If we owe the Village \$16,000 and continue to make \$50 payments, it will take us over 26 years to pay it off.

CANON COPIER CONTRACT RENEWAL

Our contract with Discount Office regarding our Canon 1025iF copier will expire Nov 24, 2014 (it began 11/25/13). We have reached 18,077 copies (our contract was for 1 year or 12,000 copies). Tom will be putting together a new contract, and JR will bring it Thursday during our meeting. The contract with Discount Office pays for itself in toner and service calls.

CANDEE ORGANIZES

I am continuing to organize our files and documents, trying to find evidence of what took place to bring us into debt with the Village and to paint a picture of what has transpired in the Chamber over the last several years, including who's been on the Board and when.

We have holes in our digital records, particularly 2012, but even before that and in 2013. I do have the hard files from 2013, at least for the period when Theresa was Ex Secretary. There are probably other hard files in the attic, but they are inaccessible to me.

INTERESTING DATA

Visitor Trend

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
2009	1034	1373	973
2010	905	1112	808
2011	672	991	739
2013	670	956	742
2014	489	737	480

Percent down from 2009:

47%	53%	49%
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COMING UP

CHAMBER SOCIALS

- None scheduled

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

- Nov 19, 6pm, Village Hall

SPECIAL MEETING

- Nov 19, 9am, Village Hall
 - Meet w/Mindy to discuss Scenic Byways debt

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

- Dec 4, 7:30am, St. James