**Chamber Meeting**

**9.8.2021**

**Club Vega**

Members Present: Deb Ruiz, Bobbi Sperl, Jesslon Walsh, Anita Holan, Russ Ehlers, Tana Bale, Derek Runge & Maynard Konechne

Members Absent: Brenda Ashley & Tracey Walsh

Russ called the meeting to order.

Jesslon Treasurer’s Report – Checking’s $11,950.09 Savings $8,710.30 Chamber Bucks $5,822.61- Two outstanding bills for teacher breakfast & Library certificate came to $98.74. Bill was also submitted for Brooks Hardware for Car Show $81.93. Anita made motion to pay, 2nd by Maynard Konechne

Development Report – Anita brought up Pheasants Forever Banquet October 30th at the Legion, asking if the Chamber would donate $150 like they have in the past. Pastor Derek make a motion to give the donation 2nd by Deb. Anita also covered the Think Big, Shop Small campaign, working with Tressa Reindl the Bishop’s Pheasant Hunt at Horseshoe K , work on Dakota Plexes moving along with the 6 apartments scheduled to be set up, obtaining estimates for a locker, Loves Truck Stop progress going very well with a possible opening date of December 2021 and work on the 90-day challenge.

Community Relations – Derek reported plans for an upcoming dinner theatre will be discussed next month

Business Relations – no report

Marketing – No report

**Old Business**

Deb provided a wrap up of the Kimball Car Show, citing Brenda Ashley, Jesslon Walsh & Wayne Woodraska for their assistance with the event. Kolache Days was also held, with a good turnout reported.

**New Business**

Anita talked about Farmer’s Market coming to an end, it went very well. Vendors will be at the Backyard Grill.

Empower Leadership Program is going very well. Anita also talked about the 90-Day Challenge with the pool/park committee to meet with representatives of the Kimball City Council to discuss possible improvements. Anita encouraged Chamber Members to look at the Community Center in De Smet if they attend the football game there September 24th

Kimball/White Lake homecoming is September 17th the chamber will have a float with Jesslon & Bobbi Sperl coordinating.

Russ Ehlers provided an update on the Backyard Grill. Meetings have been held and the group is working on sponsors. There will be live music with Soozi Weisflock in charge.

Jesslon Walsh talked about the Hometown Holiday event. A tour of trees will be held at the Legion, with a parade to start at 7:15 PM. The route will be just like homecoming running through once. Women of the Legion Auxiliary will provide refreshments at the Legion. Santa Mrs Claus and elves will make an appearance, santa’s suit was dry cleaned, with the Chamber paying the bill. Business’s have been contacted about the Hometown Holiday event and “Gnome for the Holidays” will be the theme. The tree near the city offices will be decorated. It was discussed distributing small items purchased through Oriental Trading to hand out to the young ones during Santa’s visit rather than candy canes. A budget of $400 was set.

Next Meeting – October 13th 5:30 at Club Vega

Meeting Adjourned – Deb 1st Derek 2nd