**Henderson Area Chamber**

**June 28, 2023**

**Henderson Library Meeting Room**

**Members Present**: Sue Felmlee, Becky Pollack, Marcia Parrott, Beth Cornish, Mary Ann Pilling, Tom Bender, Dana Melius, Jane Schuette, Brenda Kotasek, Tim Pautsch, Dipen Patel, Divyesh Patel, Doug Thomas and Dee Thomas

**Guests/prospective members:** Brigid Tuck and Fred Wiese

**Call to Order:** President Sue Felmlee at 12:02 p.m.

**Secretary’s Report:** Motion to approved minutes made by Dee, seconded by Jane, passed by unanimous vote

**Treasurer’s Report:** Checking account balance as of $5,181.78 as of June 15, 2023

Total income $395 including membership payments from Ney Nature Center and Legion; checks to KNUJ ($46.09) and KCHK ($150) for garage sale ads; Henderson Independent ($425 – Galaxy half page color ad)

Motion made by Beth, seconded by Marcia to approve, passed unanimously

**Guests:** Brigid Tuck representing LS-H School Board and Fred Wise as the new owner of the hardware store were introduced. Brigid reported the LS-H paperwork should be coming in soon and Fred took forms to fill out for membership.

Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves including applicable business/chamber offices and titles. Patel Brothers updated the group on new pizza offerings and Fred talked about his auction background for possible fundraising help.

**Old Business:**

**Member ship numbers:** 22 as of May 31

**Design Team Committee Updates:**

1. No downtown committee meetings

2. Doug met with Chad Adams from the Housing Partnership for the housing Committee again

3. No report for the Parks and Recreation Committee

**Welcome Bags**: Agreed to distribute to new homeowners within the LS-H District on the Henderson side of the river

**Flags:** Tim will talk to Chase Boehne about getting the banners up

**New Business:**

1. Doug reported he completed a grant application to SMIF Small Town grants for the NRTHC. As part of this process a group will need to meet twice a month beginning in September – grant is to help put together a written plan for how to build/grow the Hummingbird Center.

2. Thank You note went out to the Sauerkraut Committee.

3. Amy provided an update on city business; no reply to date from MNDOT on the request to paint larger crosswalks and add signs in an attempt to slow traffic & reduce accidents

4. Brigid Tuck shared some school district news. The District has approved the surveyors for the Hilltop parcels view an eye to selling some of the land to Henderson and/or developers.

5. Henderson Scenic Byway – Regional Trail: Doug reported the county is entering the bid process and the trail will proceed but with a gravel surface at this time since the last of the funding was not approved.

6. Tim reported on nuisance abatements the city is working on including new ordinances and that there is no news on the sales tax.

**Next Meeting:** July 26 at noon.

With no further business before the Board, President Felmlee adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Cornish, Secretary