

Baxter Chamber of Commerce –October 2022 meeting

Meeting date/time – Tuesday, August 2nd 2022 at 6pm [Minutes](#)

Meeting location – Bea’s Place

Attendees:

Agenda

Old business:

Joanne approved August minutes. Chris seconded

- Treasurer’s report /update on 2 signatures at bank - Amanda Moorman [See attached \\$2785.88](#)
- Support for school days- Thank you to Peggy/all that helped organize and make this happen.- Peggy - [cookies were delivered for Teachers as they prepared for start of school.](#)
- Update on Baxter area business book - [new books are published, we will receive 75 total for our community. Pam DeBruyn will deliver 20 to Natalie for Welcome Bags and remaining she will deliver to businesses directly.- see attached.](#)
- Update on Main street beautification, smoking poles, trash receptacles, bike racks- delivered to businesses, presented to city need to confirm locations of trash receptacles and bike racks. (use map)- cost? Peggy [see attached for estimate cost from Krampe Welding. Chris Roby is going to get a 2nd bid from Brian Davies](#)
 - [Peggy is researching the Jasper County grant/Spring.](#)
 - [Natalie is checking with BEDCO for the 5013C number to use for filing and checking with SSB for details on what they would need for possible matching funds.](#)
- Communication to reach out to businesses for support. Right now we have no grant funds to cover cost. Peggy/Natalie – [no changes- need others to possibly assist in research and writing.](#)

- Details were posted on Facebook of what we are doing to share with others. **Natalie – we have posted the estimate costs/project related to Main Street Beautification.**

New business-

- **Baxter Chamber of Commerce - insurance– inquiry from Jake Brannen regarding any need for insurance for events in future, group discussed that there may be a need in future, but at this time no need and no available funds to support this annual cost. We would like to table this and visit on it in a future meeting.**
- **Welcome to our new businesses – no new businesses**
- **Fall event on October 22. – See Baxter Chamber Facebook for details.**
 - **Genn Popenhagen is coordinating a list of several vendors to display their goods/services/items for sale at the FALL event.**
 - **Event is planned to be at the Baxter School lunch room.**
 - **Received a donation from Betty Peterson for the food that will be served. Chris Roby is handling the ordering of food,etc. THANK You Betty Peterson.**
 - **Amanda Moorman is handling the business pumpkin decorating contest communication/plan**
 - **Brief discussion of coloring contest – FFA is handling**
 - **Joann Maxwell/Kimmes will work with Chris Roby and Betty for cookie order**
- **Donation for a dog waste station – was discussed, we felt this would be best if we referred donation contact to HomeTown Pride. Natalie will communicate this.**
- **Idea – Junior Achievement – school. – inquiry – Natalie – a contact was made at the school. This is on hold at this time.**
- **City Park update – Home town Pride –Joann details were shared regarding the plans for the town, plans to adjust location of a few future projects, met with City Maint and have a high level plan for all.**
- **Welcome bags committee update. Peggy/Joann**
 - **Collecting items for 20 bags right now. Plan to put these together by end of October early November.**
 - **Mailing to area businesses- ideas were presented about a mailing and sending to area businesses. This is still in draft**
 - **Seeking additional members/participation** ○ **Fundraiser ideas** ○ **Updating the Business listing -** ○ **Seeking additional calendar events** ○ **Seeking ideas to create business engagement (ex. seasonal events)**

- Prior discussion of social event. Patty Tjelmeland- moved to November
- Other business.
- Next meeting Tuesday, November 1st – Bea's Place at 6pm (we will meet in big room)