

Baxter Chamber of Commerce –August 2022 meeting

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

Meeting location – Kelcey's Kitchen

Attendees: Peggy Smith, Amanda Moorman, Patty Tjelmeland, Elaine Hammer, Joann Maxwell and Natalie Moorman

Agenda

Old business:

- Treasurer's report - Karen Dejong/Amanda Moorman – [see attached](#)
- Treasurer's position- [Thank you](#) to Karen Dejong for her time served on the board. Amanda Moorman agreed to take over the Treasurers position immediately. Karen and Amanda will work through the details with the bank. Joann Maxwell agreed to be the 2nd signature on the bank account. (we have to have 2 signatures on the account – SSBank)

Reminder the chamber now has a venmo account.

- [Thank you](#) Karen and Amanda for setting up VENMO account.
- Update on Baxter area business book - [provided an example to those present. The Newton Daily News contact \(Pam or Carrie\) will reach out if there is another publication. Brief benefits to being in the book were discussed.](#)
- 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)- [Peggy had reached out to Kyle Krampe for a cost. See attached. \(3 trash cans 3 bike racks\)](#)
- [Peggy is working on a communication to reach out to businesses for support. Right now we have no grant funds to cover cost.](#)
- [Suggestion was made to post details on Facebook of what we are doing to share with others. More to come on this.](#)

New business-Welcome to our new businesses –

- Introductions – new business member – Patty Tjelmeland her Reflexology business is located in Chiropractor office. Her office hours are generally on Wednesday from 12 to 5pm CST. She is sharing this space with them. Welcome Patty!
- Mainstreet Bike Racks and Trash cans update – duplicate. See above
- Support for school days- The Chamber would like to thank and recognize the school teachers and faculty. We agreed to provide a treat to the school for the teachers prior to 1st day. Patty, Amanda M and Joann are working on this effort.
 - If your business wants to donate, contact one of the members to let us know.
- City Park update – Home town Pride – details were covered for the Playground, shelter house, updates on future campsites and splash pad initiative.
 - *****Possible ribbon cutting in near future.

Suggestion was made to contact a person from the Home Town Pride and ask if they would place an update via mail or Facebook to give our local residents more details on the Park Progress.
- Welcome bags committee update. Peggy provided an update on the bags and how we use them. We are checking with the city clerk to confirm if we should begin making additional bags soon. We have given over 50 bags since December of 2020.
 - We will be collecting for additional bags in the near future. A separate email will be sent.
- Ideas for other initiatives:
 - 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)
 - We need participation in meetings. Seeking business presence at meetings.
 - Open to new time/date to meet if needed.
 - Patty made a suggestion of possibly creating a social event to get businesses to come together. More to come in future on this idea.
- Next meeting September 6th 6pm – Location TBD

