

Pilot Mound & District Chamber of Commerce Meeting June 16th, 2010

The monthly lunch meeting was held June 16th at the Homesteader Restaurant with a good attendance. The meeting was called to order by the President and the May 2010 minutes were read and adopted. Congratulations were extended to Kelly Morrow on the move of Smith's Flowers to a new location. Congratulations to Brent Checkley on the expansion of Mound Services and the Grand Opening. Congratulations to Tyler Amell on the purchase of Sherri's Gas and Grill. Congratulations to Mike and Tannis Sawatsky on the expansion of Mound Farm Supply and their Grand Opening.

The old hospital was being torn down this morning and work on The Rock has started.

It was announced that Jessie Guilford was the recipient of the PM Chamber business award at the Graduation Ceremonies.

Website Report - Carolanne reported that over 8,000 hits are recorded each month. Ed Grassick has asked the Chamber to sponsor the history of Pilot Mound & surrounding area on the Chamber Pilot Mound website - www.pilotmound.com. Some history has already been posted. He has a variety of old maps of early homesteads - maps going back to 1877 and geographical maps showing how settlements moved west that will be added as well.

Audrey Morrow reported that the Fellowship Club cold plate lunch was well attended. They have 3 options for the renovations of the basement.

- 1) lift building and build new basement - cost \$60,000 to \$70,000
- 2) brace walls
- 3) fill it in

Upcoming events at Fellowship Club in October are a concert of local talent with chili on a bun, and Flee Market on June 26th, 10 - 2PM

Smorg committee report was given by Elaine. She will be contacting people over the summer to help organize the Fall Smorg, to be held on September 26th, 2010 and setting up committees. If you know of any other community events in our area or surrounding areas on that date, please let Elaine know. The attendance at the Spring Smorg was considerably lower than previous years as there were 4 other smorgs in the surrounding area. A change of date will be considered.

The Town-Wide garage sale, sponsored by the PM Chamber, has been set for June 26th. There will be an ad in the Sentinel inviting people to list their sales and advertising posters made up for delivery to all towns from Cartwright to Morden.

Mayor Brent Checkley reported on the Town of Pilot Mound. Water Plant upgrade - applying for grants as soon as the estimate comes in and reducing costs at the waste disposal/recycling plant are ongoing. The Town has an increase of 2.5% in its budget.

Brent also reported that he is working on possibly setting up a car wash at his new building.

Ez reported he is continuing to work on an estimate for the placement of Pilot Mound banners and will be finalized in the fall.

Elaine presented the financial report and correspondence.

Meal on wheels volunteer roster was set up for September 2010.

The Crystal City Chamber of Commerce was contacted re: setting up a joint meeting in the Fall. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to both Chambers to discuss the issues affecting both towns and Chambers.

Meeting adjourned and next lunch meeting will be held on September 15th, 2010.

Have a great summer and get out and watch some ball games. Take a turn around town and admire the beautiful yards and flower beds - it's something spectacular.

Report submitted by Carolanne Bayne