

The Pilot Mound and District Chamber of Commerce monthly lunch meeting was held December 16th, 2009, at the Homesteader with a good attendance. The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the November meeting were adopted as read.

The Chamber Annual Sleigh Rides are to be held December 17th. As everything is ready to go with the Wilson / Anderson families, we hope for a good turnout of big and little kids. Lots of cookies and hot chocolate will be available.

Many Chamber members attended the Sentinel Open House on December 15th, celebrating 120 years of publication of our weekly paper. A congratulatory bouquet of flowers was presented to Susan Peterson - the new editor in chief by the PM&D Chamber of Commerce. It was very interesting to read through many old issues of this newspaper, back to 1919.

Many people donated items for the bags of candy for the Kinettes Breakfast with Santa. Left over bags were taken to Mona Blackburn - director of Christmas Cheer.

Roland Desrochers reported on the new sign to go on the Sports Complex building - and we are waiting on Gardiner Signs as the posts have been installed.

The Hotel shareholders meeting is on December 21st.

Lois Lynch reported on the Fellowship Club. The Christmas party was held on December 4th with a good attendance for dinner and cards. Several food items were donated to the Fellowship Club Christmas hampers, and drew names for 2 hampers this year.

Carolanne reported all is well with the website. We have the Sports Complex hockey rink schedule on pilotmound.com and are waiting for the schedules for the curling rink. Come down and watch hockey and curling. If anyone wants a rink schedule - please call 825-2432.

Smorg committee to be set-up at the January meeting.

Elaine / Michelle reported on the library move to the Complex. The Manitoba Museum Association will be here on January 15th to assess the space and make recommendations.

Eileen Collins reported negotiations between Town and Credit Union. FCC will be in town today to present a grant cheque to the PMMRC. Free walking is open to anyone when the rink is open.

Mayor Checkley reported for the Town - the old hospital/ day care building is for sale.

Financial Report was presented by Elaine and was adopted as read.

The Chamber received a donation from the R M of Louise and Town of Pilot Mound for the Christmas Sleigh Rides.

We are planning a Fall swap/shop for used hockey equipment / skates.

Motion made and approved to help purchase the Olympic Torch that our Chamber friend, Frank Wilson will be carrying.

Upcoming events we are planning –

- Pilot Mound & District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting. tentative date - February 25, 2010 - Dinner meeting at the Homesteader. Guest speaker will be Roger Guy - director of the Westman division - Manitoba - of the Western Economic Diversification Canada re application for grants.
- Nominating committee for Chamber executive for 2010 to be struck.
- Membership drive for 2010.
- Volunteer of the Year nominations to be presented at the AGM in February. Nominations to be decided at the January Chamber meeting.

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Next meeting on January 20th, 2010 - lunch at the Homesteader. Everyone welcome to attend.
Meeting adjourned.

Report submitted by Carolanne Bayne.