

President Sharon McCoy called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 8 at the Community Center at 7:30 am. The minutes were read and approved. The website for the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, historicbrownsville.com, has undergone major surgery at the hands of Elizabeth Groves, the Marketing contractor. It has a new look and features that make it more useable. The members of the Chamber viewed the new site.

The chairmen of various summer events gave a presentation about each. Kathleen Swayze reported on the Pioneer Picnic breakfasts, where a profit of \$2066 resulted from the 294 people served on Saturday and the 272 on Sunday.

She also reported on the 4th of July breakfasts, where 527 people were served breakfast, raised a profit of \$2300. \$1,000 was contributed to the Brownsville RFD volunteers for next year's fireworks, as well as the membership voting to donate another \$300 to help cover the costs of this year's event, which was short \$500.

Swayze noted that more Chamber members need to assist with the breakfasts for both events, as many of the volunteers are not members. Help is always needed.

The City Wide Garage Sale had 77 sales entered for the day, raising enough funds to pay for the advertising. Kathleen noted that Craig's List was used this year and may replace newspaper advertising next year, except in "The Times". A small profit was achieved.

The Antique Fair was very popular this year, because the new site of Pioneer Park provided the cool shade and room for vendors to spread out. Everyone was happy with the new location, including downtown vendors, who had a very good day without the event being held on Spaulding Avenue.

Linda McCormick reported on Stand By Me, which was also well attended. Some visitors traveled from as far away as Asia, Colorado, and Montana to take part. She noted that Natalie Wade of the Brownsville Saloon was very active and helped out a great deal by enriching several events.

Dave Furtwangler reported on the Storytelling event to be held on the last weekend in February, 26 and 27. There will be events for young people at the library, as well as amateur and professional storytelling. The Saturday evening event will be held at the Rec Center and will be a dessert rather than a dinner, which proved to be more difficult to do.

President Sharon McCoy appointed the Nominating Committee for new officers to report back for an election in November. The members are Scott McDowell, Dave Furtwangler and Don Ware.

The video, Citizen Ware, about Brownsville was shown to the members. It is available for loan or viewing at City Hall, The Times office, and the Museum.

It was noted that John Morrison was appointed to the Albany Visitor's Association, where he can represent Central Linn. He stated that the organization is collaborating with other tourist groups in the county.

The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held at the Community Center on October 13 at 7:30 am. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Don Ware, Substitute Secretary