



## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Tin Cup Bar & Grill**

Present: Mark Kunze, Lisa Kunze, Marko Manoukian, Gary Howell, Shane Anderson, Bob Galt, Bruce Christofferson, Richard Dunbar, Jake Stuart, Ashley Stuart, Anne Boothe, Logan Lund, Carly Bishop, Julianne Snedigar, Dina Sainato-Meneely, Kathy Bagley, Donny Bagley, Dwayne Murray

- **Call to Order & Welcome:** President Mark Kunze called the meeting to order at 6:18pm.
- **Review Minutes/Financial Transactions:** Review/approve minutes from December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and financial transactions as presented. Marko MM to approve as presented, Gary seconded, motion carried.
- **Administrative Report and Project Updates:**
  - **Meetings/Conferences – Ashley reported on the following:**
    - **MT Missouri River Country** –MRC budget will be cut again due to the decrease in bed tax dollars. Line items will be assessed and voted upon at next meeting. Plans for 2017 trade shows finalized and the first trade show is coming up this month in Washington. MRC has plans for Jason Mitchell with Outdoor TV to visit Phillips County this spring and put together a video clip promotion for MRC. Mitchell will visit each community in the MRC region. More details to follow.
    - **Bear Paw Development** – upcoming Annual Meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, plans for location and time not yet finalized, Ashley will attend.
    - **Hi-Line Arts Trail Committee** – Committee member, application for Phillips County’s Art Installation was submitted, committee waiting to hear results. Exciting project involving local artists and community members; potential project concept includes a building mural on the side of Art’s Furniture that says “Explore Phillips County” and includes landscape of the past and present of our area including agriculture, dinosaurs, mines, hunting, etc.
    - **New Business Development Planning Committee** – Working to develop a strategic plan with committee including Kathy Bagley, Jane Ereaux and Carly Bishop. Plans to expand PhillCo website with commercial information and Ashley is working on intro letter to commercial business owners to PhillCo and offer of assistance.
- **Old Business/Ongoing Business:**
  - **Continued Ed Courses** – Ashley reported as a committee member of HiLine Technology Roundup- Google Class was a great success with over 20 participants; Windows 10 class up next on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at MHS computer lab. Watch for new classes through May, including: Excel, Gadgets, QuickBooks and a special presentation from the Blaine County Undersheriff.
  - **MBIDD:** Update – President Kunze stated an update would be given by Mayor Jones at the next General Membership Meeting as to the progress of the clean-up and test results.
  - **Website/Facebook Page** – President Kunze expressed the benefits of our media tools, new likes each week/ community photos & stories are always welcome to share along with promotion of community events. Contact Ashley to get your event or information out to the community.
  - **Welcome to Phillips County Sign at the Port of Morgan** – Ashley was happy to report the sign is complete and a great representation of Phillips County! Chamber is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for early spring; all parties involved will be invited to attend.
  - **Store Front Beautification Grant Program** – Ashley reported there is continued interest and she plans a discussion with Community Fund as to the future of program and possible revision ideas.
- **New Business:**
  - **Election of 2017 Officers:** Would entertain a motion for the election of officers. Gary MM to re-elect the slate of officers for 2017, Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.

- President – Mark Kunze
- Vice President – Marko Manoukian
- Secretary/Treasurer – Shane Anderson

- **Next Meeting: Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the Tin Cup Bar & Grill**
- **Other – Dwayne Murray with Hi-Line Retirement Center**

Dwayne Murray, HLRC Administrator, gave an encouraging update and history of how far HLRC has come in the past few months. From new a director of nursing to a new bookkeeper and numerous local nurses in place of travel nurses, positive changes are being made at HLRC and they are moving forward in the right direction. President Kunze thanked Dwayne, HLRC Board members and Staff for their outstanding leadership and dedication to the Hi-Line Retirement Center, its residents and Phillips County.

- **WHAT'S NEW IN AND AROUND PHILLIPS COUNTY:**
- **Annual Jim Schumacher Memorial Livestock Day – February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the GN Lodge Room**
- **Malta hosts Class B Boys and Girls District Basketball Tournament - February 16-18<sup>th</sup>**
- **Malta Area Chamber Meeting – February 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon at Westside Restaurant**
  
- **Adjourn** – Logan MM to adjourn the meeting, Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.