

## Moville Chamber of Commerce

January 14, 2014

Opening prayer was given by President Chris Countryman

Chris Countryman thanked the caterers for the meal.

2 guests were introduced: Larry Epling and Amy Benjamin.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report: Jeannie Krueger reported a balance of \$7,280.91 before today's meal was paid.

Minutes of the last meeting are available from Lisa Fouts or online at [www.visitmoville.com](http://www.visitmoville.com)

Moville News: Mr. Fisher reported that the city is working on the new budget. City work's crew has been dealing with water leaks and taking down the Christmas decorations. New carpet will be installed in the City Hall meeting room.

School News: Mr. Glackin reported on basketball and wrestling schedule. Two early retirements were approved by the board-Greg Royer and Marv Castle. Major projects being looked at are the gym ceiling tiles and replacing the gym floor.

MCDAl: Stee Maxwell reported that 1000 letters were sent out to the community with report on MCDAl major accomplishments. Upcoming project of replacing the water line to the grocery store will cost \$10,000. At this time, there are no funds being given out by MRHD. Mark your calendar for the March 15<sup>th</sup> Trivia Night. Moville Community Foundation has been developed to give grants to small community projects.

Lighting Contest: Chris Countryman thanked Marcia Walker for her leadership in this event.

Christmas Drawing: Huge number of entries this year and people were appreciative of the gift certificates. Consider giving Moville bucks instead of Chet's gift certificates so people have an option to use their prize in any Moville business. Will be discussed next year.

Jr. Ambassador Blake Lipinski's trip: Discussion was heard on whether to offer Blake support for his trip. Robin Beck made a motion to give Blake \$100 and Stee Maxwell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Keep Iowa Beautiful: Group discussed whether to buy a membership into the Keep Iowa Beautiful organization. Group decided against membership at this time, but keep aware of what the organization has to offer. Kent Baker brought up discussion of working on economic development through the Chamber.

Jodi Petersen has 2014 schedules for Chamber of Commerce lunches. Next month's speaker is the new county economic development coordinator.

Today's speaker is Wendell Borland from the Masonic Lodge. Wendell explained that their new lodge is the only one being built in the US. He also described the facilities' amenities. Talked about the old buildings use-purchased by Brian Epling for apartments. Wendell reminded everyone of the President's Day Pie and Ice Cream Social on February 23-Citizens of the Year will be recognized and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will read their essays about President's Day.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Methodist Church.

Today's meal attendance was 33.