

Moville Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2022

Pam Clark gave a prayer of praise for healthcare workers prior to lunch.

President Chris Countryman called the meeting to order and thanked Hy Vee for catering the meal.

Guests representing the different medical services were present including CNOS, Moville Family Dentistry, Vision Care, Linden Chiropractic, the Moville Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance, and the Moville Area Medical Clinic Board. Chris thanked them all for coming and for all they do to care for residents of Moville and the surrounding communities.

The treasurer's report was not given at the meeting, but the current balance in the treasury before meals is \$10,398.56.

Old Business

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written and published at www.visitmoville.com.

Mr. Glackin said the school kids are busy with fall activities, won their homecoming game, and the football team is currently undefeated and ranked 4th in the State. He introduced his daughter, Paige, as she was the Chamber's Student of the Month. Chris presented her with her award. Mr. Glackin also shared that the drama department will be presenting "Shrek" with performances on two consecutive weekends. He said the play is a huge undertaking, and that it should be a very fun performance.

Three representatives—Rylee Vohs, Reese Gruis, and Sophie Feddersen of the Woodbury Central FFA Chapter spoke to the group of their activities and shared that the club will be celebrating its 100th birthday this year. They are collecting empty plastic mineral buckets and CFE is giving the chapter \$20 for every tub they collect. CFE will then recycle them and "make cool things" with the old tubs.

Mr. Fisher updated us on Moville news. There is a new house being built next to the Masonic Lodge.

Dr. Stee Maxwell updated the group on MCDAI's activities. He said that the fill work being done on their recently acquired property north of Moville is not for any special project. The group wants to raise the level of the land on the lot to an acceptable level in the Flood Plain where it is located. Stee also said that he and Kim Steffen would be sending out yearly membership renewal letters within the next few weeks.

The Chamber is still looking for a group to plan and execute the Christmas Celebration in Moville.

New Business

The Halloween Celebration in Moville will be held on Monday, October 31, beginning at 5:30 at the Senior Center at 11 S. 2nd Street. Businesses will be handing out treats on Main Street and Trunk or Treating will be allowed. A hot dog supper will be served in the Main Street Park.

Chris reminded everyone that General Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 8th.

He also announced that nominees for President and Secretary of the Chamber are due by October 10th and the election will take place at the November 14th meeting. Chris is finishing his last term as President. No nominations were made at the meeting.

REC Annoucement

Chris introduced Kent Amundson of the Woodbury County REC for an important announcement concerning the Moville Medical Clinic. Kent announced that they had applied for a loan/grant through the USDA's Rural Economic Development Grant and Loan Program and were successful in procuring \$1.86 million as a 0% interest loan to be paid back in 10 years.

Diane Drebs, President of the Moville Medical Clinic Board, was next introduced to say that this loan has allowed them to reach their goal of \$3.6 million and will be breaking ground for a new Moville Area Medical Clinic on Frontage Road that will serve as a hub for other rural clinics in the area (Kingsley, Correctionville, and Anthon). The clinic will house family practice, urgent care, physical therapy and rehabilitation, and a wellness center.

This has been a collaborative project between the Moville Area Medical Clinic, Inc (a non-profit organization), the local economic development committee (MCDAI), the Moville Chamber of Commerce and the City of Moville.

The Medical Committee has been working since December of 2019, to raise monies for this project to reach their goal of 3.6 million dollars. The donations/grants have been given by several local residents and businesses, MRHD, MCDAI, the Chamber, and the Woodbury Co. Board of Supervisors. The City of Moville sold the land to the committee for \$1.00 after making many improvements to the area. This included removing the previous Motel 20 and widening the roads on the east and north of the lot.

Diane thanked everyone that had made the effort successful.

Chris Countryman, who is also on the Moville Medical Clinic Board, spoke of his gratitude to all those who donated money or contributed efforts to the project.

Samantha Dodd, the new office manager for the Moville, Kingsley, Correctionville, and Anthon clinics, was introduced and spoke about her excitement that this project will become a reality. Next Muddasir Ghoush, the Executive Director of Operations for this project, was introduced. He is a physician who practiced medicine in India but is now a hospital administrator. He shared his enthusiasm about this project and recognizes the need for improved health care in the rural area.

Next Meeting: Location: Moville Community Center Date: Monday, November 14, 2022

Today's Attendance: 53.

Pam Clark, Secretary Pro Tem