

Chamber Discusses Future; Elects Board of Directors

The January meeting of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce was one of reorganizing and discussion on how the group will proceed.

By-laws which have become very outdated will be studied and proposed revisions will be made by the board of directors then presented to the entire group at the February meeting.

It was decided to decrease from seven directors to five. An election was held for one open position. Board of director members for 2015 are Gervase Imberi, Chris Gonska, Clyde Ottenbacher, Ivy Bossert, and Lester Merkel.

Discussion was also held on going from the current monthly meetings to either every other month or quarterly.

Those in attendance gave ideas on how to make the meetings more relevant and increase attendance. Those ideas will be discussed in more detail at the February meeting.

Committee reports:

- City – A \$40,000 grant will be received for the ballpark, the artesian well still needs some repair, snow removal has been an issue, the highway and airport are in the final stages for bill paying, surveillance cameras will be installed outside of the municipal building, and a CDBG (grant) for the hospital will be run through the city.
- Schmeckfest – The Empter Family will provide entertainment for that Saturday evening, and they are being brought back by popular demand.
- Swap Meet and Citywide Rummage Sale – scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2015.
- Eureka Development – annual meeting will be March 23 with Holly Hoffman as speaker.
- Eureka Fire Department – there were seven fires in 2014, the least amount in history. Training is being attended in Eureka by several local and area firemen every Tuesday night from January through May, and is being taught by two trainers from Aberdeen.
- Ambassadors – Plans are underway for a celebration on July 3-4. Letters will be sent soon to Eureka alumni to inform them of the all-school reunion during that celebration. A schedule of events will be sent to Chamber's insurance for approval.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 16 at 7:00 PM at the Information Center.

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