

Large Crowd at Monthly Chamber Meeting

A large crowd was on hand for the monthly meeting of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce held on Nov. 19 at Prime Time.

The Eureka Chamber of Commerce and Eureka Community Development Company partnered to sponsor a Business Training Seminar as the guest portion of the meeting. Those speakers were Rich Galbraith (Northeast Council of Governments), Russell Samson (Grow South Dakota), Joe Fiala (Governor's Office of Economic Development), and Carla Burns (Small Business Development Center).

Committee reports:

- City – The airport lighting project is nearing completion and 2% of the total cost is local. More improvements will be made to the airport in 2014. Garbage collection continues to be a topic of concern. Two sessions of an informational meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29 at the school multipurpose room at 1:30 and 7:00 PM. All Eurekans are encouraged to attend as costs and options are explored.
- Big Q – A few DVDs of the celebration are still available. Blu-Rays have not yet arrived.
- Eureka Development – They have partnered with FCCLA in a Youth Voices project to be done in the community. Following attendance at SD MarketPlace by 3 members, plans are being made for youth entrepreneurship training. Through a partnership with Leola in countywide efforts the group will continue a hunting website and brochure, run classified ads in oilfield area newspapers, and update both websites to include a Business Opportunities section. A new daycare has opened. Job openings are listed on Eureka's Facebook page. Projects done with Chamber have been hunter bags, Christmas promotion, Top Hats ribbon cutting at Mickey B's, and repair of the electronic sign.
- Schmeckfest – Family Night Bingo was held on the first Saturday of November and will be held again on December 1. Prairie Harmony Singers will present a concert at the Eureka Reformed Church on November 25. Entertainment for next year's celebration will be chosen soon and the group welcomes input.

Old Business: Four hundred hunter bags were filled and distributed.

New Business: Chamber Treasure Chest Day will be December 22. A kids' movie "Little Brother Big Trouble" will be shown at 12:30 and Santa will arrive after the movie ends. The doors will be open to the public 2:00-4:00 PM with the Treasure Chest drawing at 4:00 PM. Local shoppers will begin receiving tickets on November 23.

All items for the Treasure Chests are purchased from Eureka Chamber of Commerce businesses with a total value of about \$2,000.

A donation of \$25 was given to the Snow Queen committee.

President Schumacher urged everyone to take advantage of the resources presented by the speakers.

The next meeting will be December 17 with an election for 2 directors.

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