

Brooklyn Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes April 16, 2018

President Linda Kuhlman called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Members present were Erin Turner and Gloria Dorn. Also present were Milly McCartney and Connie Basina.

Due to the lack of members present, the election of a new secretary and the approval of the minutes and treasurer's report were postponed until the May meeting. Kuhlman stated we received \$358 from the excess of publishing the Guide.

McCartney and Basina presented information on the Grill 4 A Cause event held in September. The event started years ago in McCartney's backyard and has been growing ever since. Grillers pay to be part of the competition at \$10/each and then the organizers get donations from businesses and there's a silent auction as well. The winner picks the meat to grill the next year and the charity for the next year, and members of that charity do the judging. They sell food, have a 50/50 raffle, play chicken bingo and have live music. They are looking to team up with other organizations to make it bigger. Kuhlman, Turner and Dorn liked the idea and agreed to have the Chamber help with the event. McCartney stated she will not have the event this fall and would like to move it to the spring, possibly on Garage Sale weekend to get more people. Everyone agreed to revisit and have meetings in the fall.

Kuhlman stated Ann Wanless would like to have a basket of items for the Maggie Mae concert. She will work with Ann and put something together.

The 4th of July sponsorship and the \$1,000 donation to Oregon Youth Center were postponed until the May meeting.

Kuhlman reported that McCallum ordered banners for the Garage Sale weekend. They will not have specific dates on them so they can be used each year. They will say the 3rd weekend in May.

Kuhlman reported that the Welcome to Brooklyn sign was broken in an accident. We have heard from the person's insurance company, and it will be replaced by them. Wisconsin Sign has given a quote for the work, which was turned over to the insurance company.

New ideas – Kuhlman would like to send out a monthly or semi-monthly newsletter featuring a different member each time and also have members send information for special events or sales, etc. The website needs to be updated with current information. Brooklyn Night Out is on August 2, so we will discuss at the next meeting the Chamber having a table.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.