

## Garretson Commercial Club Minutes

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

September's Commercial Club meeting took place at The Gulch for lunch. In attendance were John Brinkman, Steve Carlson, Tim, Rob Meyer, Jessica Fueston, Anna Uhl, Jordan Doane, Ryan Nussbaum, Garrick Moritz, Luke Dreckman, and Ron Luke.

First item on the agenda was Old Business. John brought up a sign by Palisades in hopes to bring campers to Garretson. He thinks a committee would be beneficial to see to the project.

From there we went into New Business. The big project now is Trunk or Treat, and the details were finalized at this meeting. 2021 Trunk or Treat will take place at Split Rock Park from 4:00-6:00pm. Spots are first come first served, and the FFA petting zoo will be in attendance. The board then moved on to a sound system update. John explained that at this point Jerry Cook is trying to draw up plans to show how the system is wired through Main Street with Jason Greenhoff's help. Next on the agenda was the sign on Highway 11- this did not have any new updates, but it was mentioned that people are seeing a lot on it and it is being used well. Moving along, the next item of business was an update for the commercial club website. Carrie was not able to be present to give an update, but Garrick mentioned that each business should be getting their own log-in to manage their own page. From there, the board moved into talk about Hometown Christmas. The plan for Saturday is a brunch from 9:00am to 11:30am at the legion serving French toast, sausage, and scrambled eggs. Members added that there should be a free will donation offering to fundraise for the sound system. During brunch, the vendor fair will be going in the other room. It was decided to run the vendor fair from 9:00am to 2:00pm to hopefully attract brunch-goers to visit the booths. Anna Uhl is taking on Kid's Crafts in the school commons again this year from 1:00-3:00pm. Back at the legion, Blue Dragon Academy will be hosting a fundraiser supper at 5:00pm, and the Parade of Lights will begin at 7:00pm. There was talk about firetruck or horse drawn carriage rides, as well as some kind of scavenger hunt to go throughout the week to build up to the weekend. After discussing Hometown Christmas details, the board moved to the new LED Christmas lights. Ron Luke brought up that all bulbs should be replaced at once in order to keep all lights the same colors rather than the odd bulb in each strand. They then decided to set October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to have a group of people switch bulbs out. The final item on the agenda was Laurie Bennett's donation funds. Laurie has been sick for a while and is now going to be out of work recovering for almost a year. Some community members have come together to raise funds for Laurie's expenses with donation jars at the Sports Cabin and Bank. Anna moved to have the commercial club donate \$250 to Laurie's fund, Garrick 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

The final item on the agenda was Other Business, in which Luke brought the survey outcomes from Palisades State Park. The survey displayed a variety of information, including how long people are staying at the park and what they'd like to see in Garretson. They were interesting statistics that will hopefully be utilized further.

The meeting then Adjourned, the next one will be October 13<sup>th</sup> at Palisades Oil.