

Christmas in Calhoun
City Hall, 110 S 14th Street, Fort Calhoun NE
October 20, 2015 7:00pm

Call to Order at 7:03 pm.

Open Meeting Compliance was announced

Present: Jen Janecek; Eileen Justus; Jeanne Knight; Lori Lammers; Coleen Robinson; Nick Schuler; Rose Therkildsen;

Minutes: The minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting stood approved.

Financial Report: Balance of \$2,749.08 plus two \$500 VISA debit cards available to use for purchases (total funds available \$3,749.08). Financial report accepted as reported

Tree Lighting

- Chris Jensen, Jensen Lawn Service, will put up the tree lights before the Tree Lighting
- Chris Jensen will splice the wires on the current Christmas lights and we will purchase \$500 worth of new lights from him.
- Frosty Pines will provide live tree certificates for drawing at the Tree Lighting (we purchase four trees for \$120 and receive another four trees).
- Jeanne Knight providing two 6' stockings for children at the Tree Lighting with one drawing at the park (must be present to win) and one drawing at the Longhorn.
- Jeanne purchased small gifts and asked that the Elves hand them out to children at the Tree Lighting.
- Santa's Mailbox and Santa's Elves - Jen Janecek and Rachel Conklin
- Sheriff's Dept. providing cocoa and cookies – Coleen to call Sheriff Shane Thallas to verify
- High School Show Choir to sing carols – Coleen to verify
- No movie

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Went over the schedule line by line and made the following changes:

- Soup with Santa hours will be 12:00-3:00pm (changed from 1-4pm)
- Minute to Win It has been dropped as an event for this year.
- Shear Attraction will have two magic shows; no face painting.
- Scavenger Hunt will have 8:30pm sign-up and 9pm start at Schwertley Hall
- Enhancement Committee will do sign-up table for the Scavenger Hunt

Dinner / Entertainment

- Menu to be decided
- The Jitterbugs (a Swing Dance group) will perform "An Evolution of Dance" from the Charleston to the Jitterbug and then provide music for open dancing.

Kids Shopping Update

- Will continue to purchase gifts for Kids' Shopping
- Coleen and Jen have purchased gifts so far.
- Rose Therkildsen donated wrapping paper and gift bags; Jeanne Knight donated wrapping paper and weighted tape dispensers.

Sponsors/Donations

Letters requesting donations have been sent out.

Publicity Planning / Logo

- Movable Outhouse will be started after Thanksgiving to collect cans for the food banks (Joseph's Coat, St. John the Baptist and the VA Food Pantry) and to advertise Christmas in Calhoun.
- Lori will check into yard signs, event signs for businesses, and the street banners.
- Tree Lighting flyers to be sent 11/23 to the Elementary School (225 copies)
- Christmas in Calhoun schedule to be sent 12/9 to the Elementary School (225 copies).
- Christmas in Calhoun schedule to be sent with the December Fort Calhoun water bill.
- Flyers re Lighting Contest, Tree Lighting and

Yard / Event Signs

Located three event signs (from last year) that go in front of the businesses/events during Christmas in Calhoun. Lori will email everyone from last year to see if they saved their sign and will order more if needed.

Can Donations

- The "Outhouse for Cans" will move from house to house beginning on November 28.
- Donated canned food/money will go to our local food banks and to the Veterans' Shelter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next Christmas in Calhoun meeting will be Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00pm
In Fort Calhoun City Hall (council room), 110 S 14th Street, Fort Calhoun, NE.

Lori Lammers
Secretary
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The 2015 Tree Lighting: Saturday, November 28
The 2015 Christmas in Calhoun Event: Saturday, December 12