

Christmas in Calhoun
City Hall, 110 S 14th Street, Fort Calhoun NE
November 10, 2015 7:00pm

Call to Order at 7:04 pm.

Open Meeting Compliance was announced

Present: Dana Duros; Eileen Justus; Jeanne Knight; Lori Lammers; Coleen Robinson; Mayor Mitch Robinson; Nick Schuler; Anne Steinhausen; Rose Therkildsen

Minutes: The minutes from the October 20, 2015 were emailed to all members. Coleen noted correction: change Sheriff to read Deputy Shane Thallas. Minutes approved.

Financial Report:

Balance of \$3,299.08. We received \$550 in donations. Financial report accepted as presented.

Tree Lighting

Went over the schedule line by line noting:

- Lori left message reminding Chris Jensen of the November 28th tree lighting.
- Coleen confirmed that the Sheriff's Department will provide cocoa and cookies.
- Coleen confirmed with Julie Schaffer that the High School and Jr. High will sing carols
- Eileen asked about purchasing elf outfits for the elves; Jeanne has elf hats that can be used and it was decided that elf hats would be enough. The Elves will be giving out gifts to children and manning the Santa's Mailbox and drawing boxes.
- **Volunteers needed to decorate Market Square Park Saturday morning, Nov 28th.**

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

- **Change:** Christmas Fun Run will begin at the Elementary School
- **Change:** Scavenger Hunt will have 8:30pm sign-up and 9pm start at the Longhorn
- **Add:** Frahm House will offer family portraits by the Victorian Christmas Trees 1-4pm
- **Set up tables & gifts** for Kid's Shopping on Friday evening

Dinner / Entertainment

Meeting: November 15 at 10:30am at St. John the Baptist to discuss menu and evening

Kids Shopping Update

We have some gifts but will be purchasing more. Eileen and Rose brought gifts tonight.

Sponsors/Donations

We have received generous donations from:

Janacek Fireworks (\$100)

Two Rivers Bank (\$200)

MCH Health System/Fort Calhoun Clinic (\$250)

Woodhouse Auto donated two oil change certificates (\$50 each)

Publicity Planning / Logo

- Nick Schuler will help prepare the Christmas in Calhoun schedule handout.
- Christmas in Calhoun schedule to be mailed with the Fort Calhoun December water bill
- Tree Lighting flyers to be sent 11/17 to the Elementary School
- Christmas in Calhoun schedule to be sent 12/8 to the Elementary School
- Lori will contact newspaper
- Lori will order yard signs to be put up the week of Christmas in Calhoun
- An Event Poster will be placed on the window/ door of each participating business or group announcing the Christmas in Calhoun event, time, etc.
- Businesses/Groups that have Event Signs from last year are urged to use them again this year, but we will not be purchasing new ones.
- 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.
- **Emphasize the need for canned goods for the food pantry.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The next Christmas in Calhoun meeting will be Tuesday, December 1 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