

Divide Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Historic Midland Depot, Divide, CO

Board Role Call:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Lisa Lee	Shipping Plus	President	Absent
Dave Martinek	RE by Dave Martinek	Vice President	Present
Greg Smith		Treasurer	Absent
Kathy Hansen	Ute Country News	Secretary	Present
Joe Kain	Ancestral Arts	Director	Present
Chris Thornton	John Wesley Ranch	Director	Absent
Robert Kowell	RDK Small Engine	Director	Present
Lee Taylor	Edward Jones	Director	Present
Peter Hintze	RDK Small Engine	Director	Present
Teddy	Ancestral Arts	Mascot	Present

Members Present:

Carl Andersen/Andersen Enterprises
Bunny Sabula
Mike Isele/Divide Timber
Jeff Hansen/Ute Country News
Trudy Feldhauser/Ute Trail Stampede Rodeo
Paula Levy/DayBreak – An Adult Day Program
Julie Matthews/The Insurance Center

Meeting was called to order by Dave Martinek at 6:10 p.m.

Condolences to Lisa Lee for the passing of her father.

The minutes from October 2018 were accepted.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday is Bingo night w/Kiwanis at Crystola Inn. January 16 will be Pajama Bingo.
- Taste of the Grape is February 1. This year there will be wine vendors from Colorado, in addition to distilleries, breweries and restaurants. The event is held at Ute Pass Cultural Center. Tickets available at Gold Hill Liquor, online or contact Shannon or Carl Andersen.
- Ute Trail Stampede Rodeo will hold Mardi Gras in March, date tbd. They are planning an event filled week for the Rodeo in June, as well as a follow up with sponsors in February.
- Crabby Tax Night in Crystola in April, sponsored by Kiwanis. Money raised goes toward the scholarship program for high school students.

- Midland Days will be May 18 at John Wesley Ranch celebrating the 10th Anniversary! Last October a letter of intent was signed with Community Partnership for a 10,000 sf building behind the Depot. By the end of January architectural proposals for the building are expected. Midland Days will provide funding for the dirt work. This project fulfills goals for both Community Partnership and Midland Days.
- T.H.E. Coalition received a grant for \$36,000 for construction documents. Let the renovation begin!
- June 1 DayBreak – An Adult Day Program plans to purchase the Preschool in the Pines building on the corner of West & Lake in Woodland Park.

27th CHRISTMAS IN DIVIDE: A successful Christmas in Divide last November. The even raised over \$4,500. This is the main fund-raising event of the year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas Party was well attended by 32 people. The suggestion of an ugly sweater party was briefly discussed. People seem to enjoy the \$20 question.

2019 YARD SALE: There was a brief discussion of the 2018 Yard Sale. Most vendors procrastinated on requesting space and were then disappointed when the decision had been made to cancel due to lack of interest. Lee Taylor suggested getting a sign similar to what Community Partnership has on the corner of Hwy 24 & CR5. Having our own sign could help draw attention to the events we hold such as the Kite Flight, Yard Sale, Christmas in Divide, Divide Chamber meetings, etc. Lee agreed to check on pricing of a solar powered unit on wheels for the next meeting.

KITE FLIGHT: Reviewed the history of the Kite Flight and how it has grown over the years. Last year included a presence from Mueller State Park, the Masonic Lodge who “ID’d” children, the Sheriff’s Posse, and the Divide Fire Department. We hope more organizations will choose to participate so there are additional booths for children and families to visit. Any member can set up a booth for free.

FINANCIALS: Greg Smith unable to attend.

NEXT MEETING: Wed, March 13, 2019 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Hansen – Secretary, Divide Chamber of Commerce