

Groton Chamber of Commerce
January 6, 2021
12pm Community Center (BYOL)

- Individuals present: April Abeln, Kellie Locke, Stacy Oliver, Carol Kutter, Ashley Smith, Jerrie Vedvei, and Hope Block via phone
- Minutes from the December 9th meeting were approved on a motion by Smith and seconded by Oliver. All members present voted aye.
- Treasurer's Report was given by Oliver. WF Checking account balance is \$23087.19 and Savings is \$967.03. \$7450 has been collected for 2021 dues so far. Report was approved by Abeln and seconded by Smith. All members present voted aye.
- A \$365.28 Locke Electric bill was submitted by Abeln for the City Park light.
- Oliver presented a couple history books that were received in the mail. A Facebook post will be created thanking the individual and Oliver will mail a thank you.
- Hwy 12 electronic sign drawing was discussed. Moved by Abeln and seconded by Vedvei to post a Facebook ad for 1 week for \$50. All members present voted aye. Vedvei presented having a live Facebook event on location for our next meeting (Details to follow). Smith will send a mass email to all businesses with drawing details. It was also discussed sending Chamber minutes to all Chamber businesses.
- Oliver and Kutter will set up a time to transfer to Dacotah Bank.
- Angela Antonsen has not been able to get shirts ordered due to lack of quantity available so Chamber t-shirts was tabled. Vedvei mentioned Becky Kotzer as a t-shirt vendor also.
- Kellie Locke was introduced as the new Assistant Finance Officer for the City of Groton.
- Block will confirm the Welcome visit with Kate's Confections (Details to follow). Abeln also mentioned Jeremy Weber has opened Rutgear, Kutter will contact him about a Welcome visit.
- Moved by Abeln and seconded by Oliver to present the Carnival of Silver Skates with a \$100 advertising donation. All members present voted aye. It was discussed to do more advertising and possibly add business coupons to their programs next year.
- Fundraising for the Mayou family was discussed. City Hall is accepting donations and a Go Fund Me page has been created.
- Vedvei proposed an idea of creating Welcome Baskets to be handed out at City Hall to new residents. City Hall would hand out the baskets with the Chamber providing a donation for the promotional items. Block and Abeln will present quotes for items at next meeting.
- Next meetings:
 - February 3rd Location TBD 12-1pm (FB live drawing)
 - March 3rd at the Community Center 12-1pm (BYOL)