

April 11, 2015

The annual Hoven Service Club meeting/banquet was held on Saturday evening April 11, 2015. Co-chairperson, Vern Rausch called the meeting to order after which he introduced the head table and Pastor and Mrs. Dillard. Pastor Dillard gave the invocation and the guests then proceeded to the buffet line. Our local caterer, Linda Kaup of Kaup's Kreations provided our delicious meal, as well as decorating and setting the tables for our event. Thanks, Linda and crew. 121 guests were in attendance and served.

The business portion of the meeting was then presented. Royce Hackl presented the year in review of our activities. These included our holiday promotions, advertising Hoven in various travel guides, HSC Appreciation Picnic, helping to finance the Potter County Achievement Days picnic, and other smaller projects. We currently, and proudly, have 49 promotional members, 9 organizational members and numerous individual members. These proud members help to support all of our activities and promotions. Royce then proceeded to comment on the status of Hoven by commenting that we no longer can call ourselves "the cleanest little city" as there is a lot of local property which needs to be cleaned up. As a source of Hoven pride, we will be addressing this situation further in the weeks to come.

Dr. Tom Garrity was then introduced to report on our hovensd.com web site. He is the main designer of this site and works endlessly on keeping news current. He invites any local activity to be advertised on our site and encourages all promotional HSC members to continue to update their information so he can keep their site active and up to date. He features a business of the month and has now added a new page which shows homes for rent or to buy. These listings also include pictures of the homes. We appreciate what you do, Dr. Garrity.

Mayor Jack Feldmeier was then introduced. He recognized all city councilmen, city employees, and EMT volunteers. He further included reports on the Hoven Municipal Liquor Store, the Hoven swimming pool, our new digital water meter reads, and the progress on the Dahme Construction city water project. He included a brief report on the Jim Lutter city airport hangar and an update on the Main Street (highway 47) road project. The State bids of estimated costs and specks was underestimated BY THE STATE and a re-bid on the project will be available in 8-12 weeks.

Kurt Rausch presented an EMT report. The Maas Foundation donation contributed to funds to purchase equipment. We currently have two para medics, three nurses, nine EMT's and three evac drivers. EMT week is May 17-23. Our EMT volunteers will have our ambulance at the elementary school for the students to view during that week. Kurt invites persons to contact Jane Ulrich if one has any interest in being involved with the local EMT group. He reminded us of the May 30 Hometown Hero's 5K Run/Walk starting at 8:00 am. Registration forms can be found on the Hoven web site and a T-shirt is included if registered by May 13. Proceeds from the event will be shared with the Hoven Fire Dept. and Hoven Ambulance.

Bob Rausch presented the Fire Dept. report. We have an outstanding number of volunteers whose recent larger fires fought in the recent year was the Loss of our Hoven High School and being called to the Lebanon grass fire. We can be proud to have this dynamic group of firefighters in our community. The Maas foundation aided our department in the purchase of rescue equipment, fire hydrants, and a water bore nozzle. A donation from the Mary Ann Kaup family purchased a tool box and tools. Their annual Steak fry fund raiser will be held on April 25, 2015 at the fire hall from 6-8 pm.

Bill Arbach presented the Potter County Commissioner report. He began by remembering Denis Arbach for his ultimate role as Walworth County Commissioner. Bill stated how Denis worked tirelessly on projects and how he was well respected in his role in that county. Denis recently passed away suddenly while at a

Commissioners meeting in Pierre, SD. Randy Simon was also recognized for his past commissioner role. Bill went on to praise our local EMT's and firefighters. For the size of Hoven, he stresses we have the best in the state and thanked them for their jobs well done. Bill reviewed various projects active in the State Legislature and counties.

Jerry Brickner reported on our Community Foundation project. He explained how using this source as a deposit can be a savings to tax payers by them depositing their funds into this Foundation. He is available to answer any questions by further contacting him and encourages any persons to use this Foundation as the community receives a return on funds invested. All monies donated to the Hoven High School fund to be used by the HHS teachers for re-investing in supplies, after loosing so many of theirs in the recent fire, have been deposited in an account and ALL monies will be paid out to teachers, in full, when the time comes to do so. Jerry explained about funds received from the Bush and the Maas Foundations and how these funds are distributed.

Vern reported that the special committee appointed to review the options for building our new high school have completed their study and are ready to present their findings at a public meeting. The announcement of this meeting will be posted shortly. Proceedings of the next faze will then be discussed.

Door prizes were given throughout the evening. Winners of Hoven Spendable Bucks were Don Seurer, Kurt Rausch, Allie Dreis, Judy Lowinske, Virginia Hawkinson. Heather Fine, Tom Garrity, Pastor Jason Dillard, Rosemarie Reuer, and JoLynn Hawkinson. The mum plant was won by Craig McQuarie, and the tulip plant was won by Dennis Hawkinson. Winner of the catered dinner for 6, donated by Kaup's Kreation, was Betty Hageman.

Sue then presented the entertainment for the evening. FROM THE HEART of Eureka, SD was a real crowd pleaser as they presented a repertoire of music from the 40's to the 90's. Our local 'stars' invited to participate were Shannon Rausch and David Von Wald. Thanks, guys, for the good natured and fun presentation of being involved. You had NO choice, right?

Your Service Club would like to thank everyone who attended our annual event, those who are promotional, organizational and individual members. Contact any officer whenever you have a concern or a question. Our club is strongly involved because of our community being involved. It takes a village!

Sue Petersen, secretary