**Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce**

**Board Meeting 10/26/2016**

* Approve Past Minutes -Approved verbally by all
* Finances – Lloyd will update us next month as he was unable to attend
* Paula’s Corner

2017 Strategic Planning Recap- Paula asked that we approve a $705.00 ad for Cottage Grove Frist campaign which we have money for it, which would also have a FREE article from the newspaper about the Holiday Shop.

Paula and Melanie will be putting together a proposal for us to purchase 1 or 2 laptops for the board to use, as Paula is using her employer and then our minutes and notes could be added as we are talking. This would also be where we store pictures, etc. so Melanie can get these off her work computer also. They will have ready for November meeting so we can get holiday deals for this.

Fall Membership Drive Update\*\*We are currently at 144 members

Holiday Scavenger Hunt-- This is attached to the minutes

* Proposal to remove/retain member- We will offer to refund the member dues if the member can’t be civil with other members of the chamber. Being verbally aggressive to each other is not accepted.
* Vote to solicit proposals from membership for CGC physical location- Mike has sent out an official email to get proposals from members to have them house the Chamber’s physical location for marketing material and Paula when she is there. Limited time for Paula right now, this would not be daily and we also have to look at safety for her. This location would take place January 1st 2017
* Thursday Planning Commission meeting Village Hall: New proposed development

Thursday 10/27/2016 @ 6:30p.m Village hall for Business Park planning Committee

* Committee/Event Updates (Chairs or Liaisons)

Annual Dinner (Mike) Date is set: **Friday, January 20, 2017**

 The location has been decided, we will be at Badger Farms, theme is Hollywood VIP, and we will have it catered by Stoddard Farms with Ham and Roast Beef. $25.00/member and $30.00/Non-Member

Melanie asked for money to buy supplies and awards for Annual dinner, Steve Motioned up to $1000.00 which is our budget for the event and Mike M 2nd, all approved.

Christmas in the Grove (Amy) Nothing new on the updates from Amy! It is going to be fantastic!

Adjourned: 1:11p.m