



Frostival sculpture winners Jeff Quam & David Swenson, Jan. 28. Photo by Jenny Johnson Photography.



Monthly Newsletter February 2017

JANUARY NEW MEMBER

Kvamme Real Estate, Inc.
(Dann Bjornstad, real
estate broker)

RENEWING MEMBER

Holtgrewe CPA

MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT ANNA HANSON



Last year the Moorhead Business Association raised \$40,000 for the 4th of July fireworks, and I'm grateful for all who contributed funding as well as volunteer hours to make the event run smoothly. This year our goal is to have an even bigger celebration, and to raise more \$50,000 to make that happen. I hope your business will be a part of this effort – we are Moorhead Proud!

“Let’s Talk Business” Highlights

SPEAK EASY: WHAT’S NEW AND WHAT WILL STAY THE SAME

On Jan. 4, Larry Hauger shared information about Speak Easy’s new ownership and management. The staff and most of the food will stay the same, but they will do some remodeling and other updates. Hauger praised city staff as “fabulous” to work with. We also got a city council update from Steve Gehrtz, who highlighted the underpass project, school expansions, new council members, and the new city manager.

WORK-BASED LEARNING FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

On Jan. 11 we heard from Tyler Bormann of Moorhead Public Schools about the high school’s new work-based learning program. The eight-week program pairs students with local businesses, offering benefits to students and businesses alike. Bormann is also seeking members for an advisory committee for the program.

POLICE HIRING AND CONSTRUCTION

On Jan. 18 we got an update from Moorhead’s chief of police David Ebinger. He thanked the MBA for its support of the sales tax that will fund the new correctional facility and law enforcement center, planned to open in August 2018. He also addressed the department’s hiring challenges, saying that fewer people than ever are entering law enforcement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE AND NEW WARD 1 COUNCILOR

On Jan. 25 we heard from Sara Watson Curry, new city council representative for Ward 1, and Moorhead fire chief Rich Duysen. Curry shared some priorities for her term, including wise growth, and highlighted improvements to the bus system. Chief Duysen advocated for a comprehensive city growth plan (which might suggest a new fire station in the southeast) and told us about his staff member Kayla Cross, who is available to help train companies on the use of fire extinguishers, AEDs, and other emergency safety measures (reach her at 218-299-5493).



Honorable mentions on Jan. 28 went to the Scheels-sponsored sculpture by Olivia Bain and Jesse Suppa (pictured) and the Parks & Rec igloo by Mark Hilde. Photo by Jenny Johnson Photography.

UPCOMING EVENTS

“Let’s Talk Business” Speakers

Feb. 1: Chris Larson and Michelle Horan, Moorhead Country Club

Feb. 8: Matt Magness, MnSBDC

Feb. 15: Ted Horan, RDO Equipment

Feb. 22: Amy Hochgraber, M-State

Spring and Summer Events

Annual Meeting – April 18

Golf Tournament – June 26



Join us Feb. 16 at 4:30 at the Rourke for a special announcement relating to Downtown Moorhead.