

Manufacturer's Round Table

September 13, 2017

Location: Trinity Junior High & High School

Meeting Record

Present: Thomas Mitzel, DSU; Cheryl Viola, Chamber of Commerce; Danita Tysver, Stark Development Corporation; Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation; John Blackwell, Marathon Oil; DeAnn Scheeler, Trinity Catholic Schools; Steve Glasser, Trinity Catholic Schools; Don Hedger, KMM; Patricia Hedger, KMM; Kari Shae, SASA; Doug Sullivan, Dickinson Public Schools; Debora Dragseth, DSU; Mary Massad, Southwest Water Authority; Arnold Karsky, Builders FirstSource; and Shirley Meyer, Senator Heitkamp.

Business – Go – Round:

Steve Glasser welcomed the group and thanked them for attending.

Cheryl Viola, Chamber of Commerce – Gearing up for their busy season. The Job Service Lunch and Learn was successful. Toastmasters will be speaking at the upcoming YP Lunch and Learn. Harvest Festival will be September 23rd, sponsorship opportunities are available. Annual Banquet will be October 3rd, tickets are available. Teddy Talks is starting October 12th, sponsorship opportunities available. Festival of Trees will be November 9th and 10th, accepting donations for wreaths and trees. A portion of the donations will be going to the veterans. The next Business After Hours will be at Edgewood Hawks Point. In a few weeks they will be having their board retreat, looking for two new board members.

Thomas Mitzel, DSU – Classes started, freshmen class is 6% larger than last year. Enrollment is up 4% over last August. Enrollment is looking very good. Shout out to the admissions team. The DSU store moved to the front of the building. Campus security moved to the Student Center in order to extend the hours to stay open 24 hours seven days a week. The old fitness room has been turned into the Blue Hawk Hub. Admissions has moved into the student center. Academics has moved to the second floor in May Hall. Financial is on the first floor. Worked with the West River Community Center for student passes, every student who lives on campus receives a pass. Sports teams are doing well. Working on sending budgets out monthly to departments to keep everyone updated.

Ryan Jilek, Stark Development Corporation – Partnering with the SBDC to host an entrepreneurial 3 Day Startup weekend. Looking to get a new logo, have a logo contest going on. Recently launched a Community Enhancement Program, suitable projects may be eligible for a matching forgivable loan of project funds up to a maximum of \$25,000. The programs will be utilized throughout the County. The Downtown Association has hired a Director. The old hospital has an offer. (see attached handouts)

John Blackwell, Marathon Oil – 2017 has been interesting. Increased to 10 rigs and 5 frac crews since December 2016. Labor pool was sparse, had to reach to other areas for

employment. Frac prices have increased 50%. Will be ramping down to 3 rigs and 2 frac crews. Anticipating \$50 barrel oil till 2018. Have 4 open positions.

Steve Glasser, Trinity Catholic Schools – Changed name to Trinity Catholic Schools. Moved fifth and sixth graders to the west wing of campus. The transition has been good. Enrollment is down from last spring. Working on vision, identity, virtues and values. Will be having parent forums. Homecoming is this weekend. Fall Gala is October 14th. Would like to thank everyone for their support.

Don Hedger, KMM – Have been really busy. Have many opportunities. The new addition to the Dickinson facility is 90% full. Boeing is increasing production to 70 planes month. Have 365 employees, most are in the Dickinson facility. Looking to hire in Killdeer. Have LEAN training going on. Adding automation has caused them to hire additional people. Hettinger plant is growing, Regent plant will be moving to Hettinger.

Doug Sullivan, Dickinson Public Schools – Grand opening of new middle school was July 31st. Thanked Cheryl and the Chamber for helping with the grand opening. Started the school year with 3,673 students K-12. Had 357 kindergarten students, projected 373. Project 428 kindergartners for 2018. Birth rates are increasing every year. Plan to reopen Berg next year for K-3. Need to look at the future for the high school. Plan to add a Career and Technical Education center. Will be having a public forum on October 10th at 7:00 pm. Working to increase staffing at the middle school.

Debora Dragseth, DSU – The Theodore Roosevelt Symposium is this weekend. The business department has changed to the School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Mary Massad, Southwest Water Authority – Busy, have 16 projects under construction. Have 9 projects actively under construction. Second intake work continues. The Dickinson water treatment facility is under construction, increasing from 6 million gallons per day to 18 million. Expect to be completed first quarter 2018. Working on a lime sludge pant. The Dakota Access pipeline crossed their pipes 26 times. The drought has been affecting water capacity in areas. Have 53 employees, hiring one water treatment operator. Hope to get micro tunneling done for the second intake this year. Have over 56,000 miles of pipe and 7,000 rural customers. The 18th annual water festival is next week.

Arnold Karsky, Builders FirstSource – Single family home permits for August was 5. Year to date the City of Dickinson has 46 single family home permits. Last year there was 29 single family home permits for the year. There is more construction going on. Struggling to find a sales person, may need to train from within. Sales up 25% over last year.

Shirley Meyer, Senator Heitkamp – Heitkamp will be running for another term. Continue to work on drought relief legislation. Busy working on tax legislation. (see attached handout)

Kari Shae, SASA – The Southwest Area Safety Association will be hosting a Safety and Ethics for Health and Safety Workers featuring Dr. Richard Kyte as the speaker. The event is free and open to the public. (see attached handout)

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 2:30 PM, at City Hall.