

Morristown Commercial Club
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2015 Activity Report

JANUARY – Annual organizational meeting and potluck supper.
Officers elected: President – Dan Morris Vice President – Steve Nordmeier
Secretary – Lee Baumgarten Treasurer – Adrienne O’Rourke
Board Members – Bob Lewis, Pam Merritt, Laurie Nordmeier, Rick Karsten.
Budget Committee – Chairperson – Bob Lewis, Iny Schmidtke, Adrienne O’Rourke,
Brian Merritt, Rick Karsten.
Marketing Committee – Mike O’Rourke, Lee Baumgarten, Pam Merritt, and two
members appointed by the City Council.
Meetings were set for the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Community
Center. Annual dues were set at \$10.00 per person.
Donated \$250.00 to the Minnesota Dark House and Angling Association
Donated \$178.00 start up money to WEM Boy Scouts fundraiser.

FEBRUARY – Regular meeting held
Donated \$100.00 to WEM after prom carnival.
Donated \$1000.00 to WEM Moving Forward Foundation Bucs Night Out fundraiser.
Donated \$1500.00 to Skywarn towards the purchase of a trailer.
Purchased a projector and screen (\$50.00 rental fee) for weddings and events in the
banquet hall.
Cannon Valley Players (all male cast) performances February 27th, 28th, March 1st.
773 people attended.
New City of Morristown website by Two Lakes Design – www.morristownmn.org
Businesses advertising in Community Hall will be removed and businesses will be
encouraged to advertise on the new website.

MARCH – regular meeting held
Donated \$250.00 to the Baseball Association towards cost of bathrooms and play
equipment at the baseball park.
Moving Forward Foundation Bucs Night Out held on Saturday, March 28th.
Morristown Business Expo held on March 10th. There were 27 vendor booths and
169 people registered for Expo Bucks drawing.
Commercial Club annual Community Spring Dinner was held at the Legion Hall on
Sunday, March 29. 130 people were served.

APRIL – Regular meeting held

Children's Easter Egg Scramble was held on Saturday, April 4th at the Community Center. 68 children attended.

MAY – Regular meeting held

City of Morristown set the Commercial Club Bar yearly liquor license at \$250.00
Donated \$175 start up money to WEM Boy Scouts fundraiser during Dam Days.
Twelve new street banners purchased by the Commercial Club are installed.
Dam Days – May 29th, 30th, and 31st. Miss Morristown Pageant – Wednesday, May 27.
Commercial Club sponsored Queen's reception following pageant. Cake and punch were served. Twilight parade on Friday, May 29th. Commercial Club Beer Garden profit was \$10,500. 175 children attended the Dam Days children's activities.

JUNE – Regular meeting held

Donated \$250.00 to the North Morristown July 4th celebration for the purchase of children's items in their silent auction.

JULY – Regular meeting held

The 28th annual City-Wide Garage Sale sponsored by the Commercial Club was held on Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st beginning at 7:30 am each day. Fee - \$10.00 to be registered on map. There were 45 registered sales.

Kate Wilson from the Waterville Chamber of Commerce presented information regarding the efforts of the Chamber to host the 2017 Governor's Fishing Opener in this area. The city of Waterville will be the host city and the cities of Elysian and Morristown will be involved. The Commercial Club will donate the use of the Community Center Banquet Hall for the banquet on May 13th, 2017. Events will be held at area lakes; Lake Francis, Sabre Lake, Lake Sakatah, Lake Tetonka and Horseshoe Lake. Letters of support were sent by the governing bodies of each city. Notification of acceptance will be sent in April.

AUGUST – Regular meeting held

National Night Out was celebrated in the City Park on Tuesday, August 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Root beer floats were served by the Commercial Club, hot dogs by the Fire Dept, the SAL served beans and chips and the Kona-Ice Wagon was available in the park Attendance was very good.

SEPTEMBER – Regular meeting held

Fire Department Fundraiser Brunch sponsored by the Commercial Club was held on Sept. 20. 297 people were served. There was \$1200.00 in tick sales, \$555.00 from the bake sale, \$116.00 from donations and \$300.00 from the SAL. Profits will go toward Fire Dept. training needs. The Commercial Club members also provided water stations and a pizza supper at Old Town Tavern for the Fireman's Run on Monday, Sept. 28th.

OCTOBER – Regular meeting held

Donated \$250.00 to Ducks Unlimited even and \$250.00 to Ducks Unlimited Meat Raffle. Donated \$6190.00 to Fire Department for signage and Maltese Cross emblem on front of new fire station. Members volunteered to work at Haunted Trail even on Friday, Saturday, October 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th. 2500 people attended event.

Children's Halloween Party – Saturday, Oct. 31. Lots of workers and 100 plus kids.

NOVEMBER – Regular meeting held

The Commercial Club provided school employees in the Morristown building with large caramel rolls in appreciation of the staff and in honor of National Education Week.

DECEMBER – Regular meeting held

The Commercial Club received \$1500.00 for their share of the Haunted Trail Event.

The annual Christmas drawing was held on Saturday, December 12th. The Commercial Club donated 10 meat and cheese gift bags for the drawing. 50 gift bags with useful items for senior citizens and shut-ins were packed, 43 were delivered to homes by CC members and the rest were added to the Christmas drawing gifts. 133 households received gifts in the first round for a total of 179 gifts from 33 local area donors. The Children's Christmas Sharing Tree at the Lake Country Community Bank. There were 22 children's tags from 9 families. 13 tags were taken by community members. The SAL donated \$300.00 and the Commercial Club donated \$150.00 to cover cost of gifts for the remaining 9 tags.

Christmas lighting Contest winners were First – Matt and Missy Blair - \$75.00.

Second – Scott and Pam Condon - \$50.00, Third – Steve and Laurie Ell - \$25.00.