Chamber Director, Sid Eley called the meeting to order at 5:30 with prayer. A quorum was declared present.

Present were: Joanne Jones, Shirley Manley, Pam Moore, Anne White, Susan Cox, Ed Muzzulin, Vivian Sutton, Lureen Williams, Charlie Layden and Sid Eley

Absent: Nancye Ferguson, Virginia Barrett, Debbie Jean Whidbee

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as distributed thru a motion made by Shirley Manley, seconded by Charlie Layden and duly passed.

The financial report for the month of September thru October 8th was presented by Sid Eley showing a current balance in checking of $9,755.63. The balances in CD’s and savings have not changed since the last report. It was approved to move $49.00 to the escrow savings account at Hertford Savings Bank to avoid monthly service charges.

The treasury report was accepted thru motion made by Pam Moore and seconded by Shirley Manley and duly passed.

The travel/seminar report showed a NET meeting and a seminar on Quickbooks @ Gregory & Assoc. Oct. 17.

The Chamber has a new member: LAP Benefits & Service (Insurance business).

The Expo report was presented by Susan Cox. The event will start with a Sneak Peak on Thursday and a Sweets and Chef Challenge. There will be mascots, games, and special guest Helen Hunter. There will be 29 vendors. FBLA high school students will be available to vendors. Pam Moore and Ann White will be the judges for the booths. Ann White will be the greeter for Thursday’s event and Shirley Manley will greet on Friday.

Joanne Jones reported that the Friday night Stroll will end after this month until next spring/summer.

An update on the Progressive Dinner was given by Sid Eley. Al Mizzell has printed flyers for the event. Six stations have been set for food. Proceeds will be kept with the Chamber for next year’s event. It was suggested that gift bags be available for the Progressive Dinner.

Money has been set aside to improve the façade of downtown Hertford. A suggestion was made and tabled to paint the windows of the Hertford Café building.

The Christmas Parade is set for December 8th with Corbin Cherry will be Grand Marshall. A PA system will be needed for the parade. Charlie Layden will price a portable PA system for the Chamber.

A “Dance Era Street Dance” has been planned for the spring with “Lady J”. The date was set for May 16, 2014 from 6-10 p.m. The fee will be $300. and there will not be a cancelation charge due to weather. A seafood plate fundraiser was suggested. A request to close the street in town will be made to the Dept. of Transportation.

Joanne Jones reported that she attended a meeting called Chamber 101. In this meeting they noted that having six meetings a year was more effective than meeting monthly. Committees would have to meet in between these six meetings. This will be discussed further and if decided on, it will be changed at the annual meeting in December.

Joanne Jones, Susan Cox and Vivian Sutton have been appointed to get nominations for the board to replace the members rotating off in December.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is November 12, 2013.

Joanne Jones, President  Vivian Sutton, Secretary