

Hi Megan,

Here is a request from Erica on behalf of both organizations:

"Dear Pipestone City Council: Pipestone Kiwanis Club and the Pipestone Area Chamber & CVB are co-hosting the annual Minn-Dakotas Conference for Kiwanis Club International on Saturday, October 3rd (all day - times TBD, approx. 8am-5pm). The event will be held in Pipestone, MN as the host community to highlight the area to our region including our businesses, overall community, and tourist attractions. The event itself brings together volunteer Kiwanis members for education and ways to increase volunteerism in our respective regional communities. It is not for profit for any group. No money is made on the event and attendees pay for their own meals (or some clubs fund their attendees). This is the first time we have hosted the meeting in Pipestone to my knowledge (at least in the last 20 years) and it's a great tourism opportunity to bring in folks to highlight Pipestone.

We would like to host the meeting component at the Hiawatha Lodge to feature our beautiful facility, city park, and Pipestone National Monument. We selected the 10/3 date and adjusted the meeting times so that attendees could also have the ability to end the meeting, go eat, shop, and then attend the Pipestone Performing Arts Center's "Music of Chicago - Tribute Show" that evening at 7:30 pm.

We are requesting a waiver of all fees for the use of Hiawatha Lodge -- which has been granted in the past for other similar tourism-related conferences. Members of the Pipestone Kiwanis Club and our Chamber staff are volunteering their time to help plan and execute the conference, along with the Minn-Dakotas executive Board. We are utilizing local businesses for food.

Thank You for your consideration of this request. We sincerely appreciate your support and our excited to highlight our community!

Sincerely,

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