

Leon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2015

Call to Order:

Shane Akers called the regular meeting of the Leon Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:03 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in the DCH Board Room.

Roll Call:

The following people were present: Shane Akers, Marcia McAlpin, Jack DePond, Heidi Bell, Cayle Buckingham, Pat Vanderflute, Shannon Erb, Joe Stephens, Marcia Stephens, John Dunsdon, Laura Beemer, Monte Beemer, Maggie Lindsey, Sue Kelly, Jo Beth Smith, Greg Crocker, and Kolton Hewlett.

Secretary's Report:

Kolton Hewlett distributed the April Meeting Minutes. John Dunsdon made a motion, Pat Vanderflute seconded, to approve the meeting minutes. M/C

Treasurer's Report:

Marcia McAlpin presented the financial report. Beginning balance on 03/21/15 was \$8,427.15 with \$107 in outstanding checks. Marcia reported expenses of \$1,112.04 and income of \$1,941.83. As of 04/20/15 there was a bank balance of \$9,198.69 with \$48.75 in outstanding checks, leaving a book balance of \$9,149.94. Marcia reported \$2,800.10 in the Banner Fund, \$43,073.02 in the USDA account, and \$23,418.32 in the LCDC Account. Kolton Hewlett made a motion, John Dunsdon seconded, to approve the treasurer's report. M/C

Old Business:

Wine Walk: After extensive conversation, Heidi Bell made a motion, John Dunsdon seconded, to do the wine walk again next year. M/C

Community Clean-Up Day: The clean-up day has been rescheduled for Sat. May 23rd beginning at 8a.m.

Decatur County Guide: Kolton Hewlett reported that they are still working on the guide. The committee will meet again this month. It will be in conjunction with the Southern Iowa Tourism Guide.

New Business:

Fourth of July: Kolton Hewlett and Heidi Bell have agreed to coordinate the activities on the square. They are looking for people to supervise the activities the day of the event. The Fire Department Auxiliary has expressed interest. They will check with them again to see if they are still interested.

Parade coordinators Sue Kelly and Kolton Hewlett have announced the parade theme as "All Gave Some, Some Gave All," to go along with the freedom rock. Activities on the square begin at 1:30 p.m., line up starts at 2:00 p.m., judging at 3:00 p.m., and parade starts at 4:00 p.m.

Community Visioning: Hanging Baskets are up thanks to a \$300 grant from SCICF, \$325 contribution from Leon's New Horizons, Inc. (New-2-U), and an \$85 donation from Jeanne Vogel.

Thursdays in the Park: John Dunsdon volunteered to contact Darla Stoltzfus to see if she would be willing to coordinate Thursdays in the Park again this year. He will also make it clear that the Journal-Reporter should send bills to Chamber.

City-Wide Garage Sales: City-Wide Garage Sales are Saturday, June 6. Chamber pays for the advertising and the City coordinates it.

Suggestions for the Good of the Group:

The group discussed other happenings in the Leon including ALCO building, County Fair, GRM Smart Rural Community Award, demolition of dilapidated houses, reopening of Hammers restaurant under new ownership, Gilbert's True Value opening, changes made at AgriVision.

Adjournment:

John Dunsdon made a motion, Joe Stephens seconded, to adjourn at 8:10 a.m. M/C

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kolton Hewlett", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kolton Hewlett, Secretary