

Leon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – November 2015

Call to Order:

Shane Akers called the regular meeting of the Leon Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:01 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015 in the Decatur County Hospital Cafeteria.

Roll Call:

Maggie Lindsey, Greg Crocker, Sue Kelly, Marcia McAlpin, John Dunsdon, Monte and Laura Beemer, James Rowe, Pat Vanderflute, Shannon Erb, Kevin Frost, Jo Beth Smith, Shane Akers, and Kolton Hewlett.

Secretary's Report:

Kolton Hewlett distributed minutes from the October meeting. Shannon Erb made a motion, Marcia McAlpin seconded, to approve the secretary's report. M/C

Treasurer's Report:

Marcia McAlpin distributed the treasurer's report. Beginning bank balance for October was \$6,750.68, total expenses for the month at \$3,452.74, total income at \$541.10, and a book balance as of October 31 at \$3,838.99. The banner account had \$2850.10, the LCDC account had \$35,558.12, and the USDA account had \$35,995.47. Kolton Hewlett made a motion, Sue Kelly seconded, to approve the treasurer's report. M/C

Old Business:

Tourism: Kolton and Ethan are still working on collected ads for the tourism guide. They are estimating \$3,000 in ad sales between Leon and Lamoni as Lamoni Chamber will be subsidizing ads for Lamoni Chamber members. There is \$361 from last year's Southern Iowa Tourism ads sales, \$500 from the website budget, and \$171 from this year's Southern Iowa Tourism Ad Sales. Shannon, Heidi, Beth, Kolton, and Ethan will be meeting in November to discuss additional pages and topics to be including in the guide. They are hoping to print in January to have it ready for the Citizen of the Year celebration.

Feasibility Study for ALCO building: Ethan Pitt shared that the company did a pre-study and recommended that we do not go through with the survey. All money will be refunded.

Craft Show: Sue Kelly is still needing three volunteers for traffic control at the craft show. Heidi is going to take responsibility for getting the Chamber banners set up.

New Business:

Leon Noel: Leon Noel will be Saturday, December 5th from 10 to 1. The location is pending as Maggie needs to meet with the Board of Supervisors to see if they can still hold the event at the Courthouse. There is some question as a result of the jail no longer being located in the courthouse by that time. It will follow the same format as last year. Vendors will be at the community center.

Committee Sign Up: Kolton passed out a sign up sheet for 2016 committees.

2016 Calendar of Events: Kolton passed around proposed dates for next year's events.

Citizen of the Year/Annual Meeting	Thursday, January 28
Wine and Beer Walk	Saturday, April 2
Community Clean Up Day	Saturday, April 23
Fourth of July Activities on the Square	Monday, July 4
Leon Fall Festival	Saturday, October 15
Southern Iowa Crafts and More Festival	Saturday, November 12
Leon Noel	Saturday, December 3

Nominating Committee:

Jo Beth Smith, Ethan Pitt, and Kolton Hewlett volunteered for the nominating committee.

501(c)3 Status: Shane reported that Kolton completed the paperwork to file for 501(c)3 status. The cost was \$400. Marcia M. has reimbursed Kolton for the expenses.

Committee Reports:

City of Leon:

DCDC: Ethan Pitt presented a certificate of contribution to the group for Chamber's contribution to the Decatur County Development Corporation. Ethan has been working with a business in Lamoni that will be doubling in size. Lamoni Development Corporation is taking out a loan to build a new building and the businesses will be leasing the building from Lamoni Development. Three county banks have partnered to fund the project. Ethan is also working with an individual looking to open a business in Leon on the square.

Visioning Group: Kolton shared that the group met on Sunday November 1 to review project that were completed last year. They will meet again in January to re-evaluate what projects to complete next year. They will meet quarterly from then on.

Suggestions for the Good of the Group:

Kolton shared information about the Community Health Needs Assessment on Wednesday, November 18 at the country club at 5:30 p.m. sponsored by Decatur County Hospital, Public Health, Community Health Centers, and CROSS Mental Health Region. The purpose of the forum is to review basic community health needs assessment information and rank our community health priorities.

Adjournment:

John Dunsdon made a motion, Sue Kelly seconded, to adjourn at 7:36 a.m.



Kolton Hewlett, Secretary