

# Leon Chamber of Commerce

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Meeting Minutes – April 2016

## **Call to Order:**

Shane Akers called the regular meeting of the Leon Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016, in the Decatur County Hospital Conference Room.

## **Roll Call:**

Shane Akers, Kolton Hewlett, Maggie Lindsey, Tammy Heintz, Heidi Bell, Marcia Stephens, Marcia McAlpin, Pat Vanderflute, Shannon Erb, Kevin Frost, Ethan Pitt, John Dunsdon, T.J. Wagler, Bob Frey, James Rowe, Jo Beth Smith.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Kolton Hewlett distributed minutes from the March meeting. Heidi Bell made a motion, Jo Beth Smith seconded, to approve the minutes. M/C

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Kolton Hewlett presented the treasurer's report. As of March 31, 2016, we had \$79,325.75 cash-on-hand. \$11,612.17 in the general fund, \$35,968.62 in LCDC, \$28,894.86 in RLF, \$2,850.10 in the banner account, and \$500.00 in the RABGRAI fund. For the general fund, there were \$780.10 in deposits and \$1,520.48 in expenses. Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Kevin Frost seconded, to approve the treasurer's report. M/C

## **Old Business:**

Bylaws: The committee has not had a chance to get together as schedules kept conflicting. They will meet in April and report back at the May meeting.

Flower Baskets: Heidi Bell made a motion, Marcia McAlpin seconded, to amend the budget from \$500.00 to \$0.00 for the hanging basket revenue line. M/C

Wine Walk: Heidi Bell, Pat Vanderflute, and Kevin Frost gave a report on the Wine Walk. Kolton will have a final report on the profit/loss from the event at the May meeting, but as of 04/07/16 it looks like we brought in \$1,170.00 and had \$1,424.60 in expenses, which is a \$264.00 loss. We had budgeted for a \$350.00. After much discussion the group decided to think about it over the next month and decide to continue sponsoring the event in the future.

CD Career Day: The career day at Central Decatur was a complete success. There were several professionals in Leon that presented and the students enjoyed it.

Community Clean-Up Day: Maggie Lindsey reported that she will follow the same format as the last few years. Clean up beginning at 8:00 a.m. with a celebration BBQ following on April 23.

RABGRAI: Kolton Hewlett, Shannon Erb, and Ethan Pitt updated the group on RABGRAI. Vendor information, volunteer forms, and other information is available on the website. There will be a community meeting at the HS on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m.

## **New Business:**

Scholarship Committee: Kolton Hewlett reported that we have received three applications for the Chamber scholarship this year. Heidi Bell and Ethan Pitt agreed to serve on the selection committee with him.

## **Other Reports:**

Decatur County Development: Ethan Pitt shared that Leon was selected to participate in the "Cool and Connected" program offered by the USDA Rural Utilities Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of

Sustainable Communities. Ethan has put together a steering committee to help develop a plan for sustainable community development around broadband, internet, and technology in the downtown area.

Splash Day: Kolton Hewlett shared information about Leon Park and Pool Board sponsored Splash Dash 5K Fun Run on Saturday May 28 at 10:00 a.m. Maggie Lindsey had fliers for everyone's business.

Spring Play: Marcia Stephens announced that the Central Decatur High School Spring Play is April 8 through April 10 at SCIT Theatre.

BUS-eum: Kolton Hewlett and John Dunsdon shared that the Leon Public Library is sponsoring a "BUS-eum" on Wednesday, April 20th from 5-8 p.m. The BUS-eum exhibit examines how the Midwest developed in ways different from other regions, how Iowa's settlement distinguished it from its neighbors, and what both blesses and burdens us today.

Jefferson Highway Memorial: Kolton Hewlett shared that Rotary Club of Decatur County is having their official unveiling of the Jefferson Highway Memorial tonight at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Adjournment:**

Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Kevin Frost seconded, to adjourn at 8:13 a.m. M/C



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**Kolton Hewlett, Secretary/Treasurer**