

Leon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – June 2016

Call to Order:

Shane Akers called the regular meeting of the Leon Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2 2016, in the Decatur County Hospital Conference Room

Roll Call:

Shane Akers, Kolton Hewlett, Greg Crocker, Ethan Pitt, Marcia Stephens, Joe Stephens, Sherry Decker, Kevin Frost, Pat Vanderflute, Marcia McAlpin, Shannon Erb, Cayle Buckingham, Shelley Bickel, Sue Kelly, Jo Beth Smith, Suzanne Cooner.

Secretary's Report:

Kolton Hewlett distributed minutes from the May meeting. Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Sue Kelly seconded, to approve the minutes. M/C

Treasurer's Report:

Kolton Hewlett presented the treasurer's report. As of May 31, 2016, we had \$79,433.32 cash-on-hand. \$12,872.22 in the general fund, \$35,968.02 in LCDC, \$19,867.30 in RLF, \$2,850.10 in the banner account, and \$7,875.68 in the RABGRAI fund. For the general fund, there were \$208.61 in deposits and \$230.00 in expenses. Kolton shared a final report for the Community Clean Up Day at \$701.83, which was \$48.07 under budget. Kolton also distributed an updated list of members for 2016, showing \$8,320.00 in collected dues. Sue Kelly made a motion, Ethan Pitt seconded, to approve the financial report. M/C

Old Business:

Hanging Baskets Project: Pat Vanderflute updated that Yutzy's Greenhouse donated all of the flowers, so we only ended up spending around \$50 so far. Kolton Hewlett made a motion, Jo Beth seconded, that Pat proceed with getting five more hanging baskets. M/C

Banners: Shannon will work on getting an updated map of where all of our current banners are located, who's needs to be replaced and if there are any other businesses that are interested in purchasing a banner. There was discussion about the banner fees and the banner account, as Kolton still has not transferred the banner fees from the general fund. His suggestion was to move the entire banner fund into the general fund, and add a line item to the budget to cover banner repairs and maintenance each year. We can look at this option when we do the budget for next year. Shannon Erb made a motion, Jo Beth Smith seconded, to transfer the banner fees to the banner fees as budgeted for 2016. M/C

By-laws: Shane and Kolton distributed the updated copies of the by-laws that James Rowe and Verle Norris's office updated for us free of charge so that we are compliant with our new 501(c)3 status. Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Kolton Hewlett seconded to adopt the bylaw revisions and amended articles of incorporation. M/C

Thursdays on the Square: Kolton updated that Thursdays on the Square will begin July 14 and end August 25. He will be working with local businesses and the farmer's market on some extended hours. Leon Park and Pool has signed up for July 14, and Rotary is considering July 21. Marcia Stephens shared that typically the July 21 event is held at the fairgrounds for county fair. Kolton was also approached by the Farmer's Market about Chamber paying for their general liability insurance. Kolton checking with Shon at Miller Insurance and it would cost around \$300 to add them to Chamber's insurance. Cayle Buckingham made a motion, Sue Kelly seconded, for Kolton to explore options for Chamber and the Farmer's market to work together. M/C

Fourth of July: Kolton shared that the rodeo committee approached Chamber about volunteering in the food shack the first night of the rodeo again this year. No one was available at the meeting, but Kolton will send out an email to rest of the members to see if anyone is willing to participate. Kolton and Sue shared that the parade will run as it

has the last few years. Line-up will begin at 2:00 p.m., judging will be at 3:00 p.m. and the parade will start at 4:00 p.m.

SWCC Housing Program: Ethan and Shane gave an update on the SWCC Housing program. They have a buyer lined up and they have land that they can use. The Chamber Development Board meet last month and voted to contribute \$15,000 to the down payment of the loan and Decatur County Development will contribute \$15,000 to the down payment. They are working on getting all of the paperwork completed and then they can start on the foundation this summer.

RAGBRAI: Kolton, Shannon, and Ethan gave an update on their committees. Still needing several volunteers to work in the information centers and in the beverage garden. All 10 \$500 sponsorship levels have been filled and several other sponsorship levels. Kolton, Shannon, Ethan, Shane, Shelley, Rich, and Jo Beth have a meeting on Osceola today with the other overnight town executive committees.

Other Reports:

City of Leon: Greg Crocker shared that he has tendered his resignation and will be done at the end of June.

Decatur County Development: Ethan shared some more information about the Cool and Connected program. They will be down in August.

County Fair: Marcia Stephens is coordinating the booths again this year. They are \$35 per booth.

CCC Program: Marcia Stephens shared that the CCC program on May 23rd at the theatre brought in \$104.

Visioning Committee: The Leon sign by the country club has been completed.

Meals on Wheels: There was a lot of discussion regarding the Meals on Wheels program at the community center. The food will now be coming from Greenfield beginning in July. The hospital would be willing to provide the meals, if we could find the funding for those that cannot afford to pay for the meals. Marcia Stephens will set up a meeting with the board of supervisors to discuss options.

Adjournment:

Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Kolton Hewlett seconded, to adjourn at 8:34 a.m. M/C

Attest:



Kolton Hewlett, Secretary/Treasurer