

Leon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – July 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, July 7 2016, in the Decatur County Development Office.

Roll Call:

Shane Akers, Kolton Hewlett, Ethan Pitt, Shannon Erb, Tammy Heintz, Marcia McAlpin, Pat Vanderflute, Bob Frey, James Rowe, Jo Beth Smith, Chris Coffelt, Kevin Frost, Joe Stephens, Marcia Stephens.

Secretary's Report:

Kolton Hewlett distributed minutes from the June meeting. Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Marcia Stephens seconded, to approve the minutes. M/C

Treasurer's Report:

Kolton Hewlett presented the treasurer's report. As of June 30, 2016, we had \$85,426.55 cash-on-hand. \$8,302.06 in the general fund, \$36,179.51 in LCDC, \$5,930.76 in RLF, \$4,200.10 in the banner account, \$3,027.10 in the Decatur County Tourism account, and \$27,875.68 in the RAGBRAI fund. Kolton shared that he opened up a separate account for the tourism money and transferred \$3,027.10 into that account so that it was easier to keep track of. The Chamber board decided to loan \$15,000.00 to Jason Weir for his new business, which means we now have a total of \$41,807.10 in revolving loans. For the general fund, there were \$395.09 in deposits and \$1,938.15 in expenses. Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Ethan Pitt seconded, to approve the financial report. M/C

Old Business:

Banners: Shannon Erb passed out a map that she had plotted where each of the current banners were at. There are several that are missing, have fallen down, are no longer in business, or have not paid their maintenance fee. Kolton and Shannon will work together to research the vendor we used for the current banners, how much they cost, and add it to the membership form for 2017.

Fourth of July: There was discussion regarding the Fourth of July parade including providing some form of better sounding on the square for announcing. There is a possibility of utilizing additional electrical being put in for RAGBRAI.

Thursdays on the Square: Kolton Hewlett updated the group that July 14 will be the Leon Park and Pool Board, July 21 will be the Fairboard, August 4 is open, August 11 is RAGBRAI, August 18 is Decatur County Democrats, August 25 is Davis City Methodist Church.

Farmer's Market: Kolton Hewlett shared that he and Marcia Stephens met with the Farmer's Market about their insurance. The Board of Supervisors have agreed to cover the Farmer's Market under their insurance this year. They will not be staying open late to participate in Thursdays on the Square.

SWCC Housing: Shane Akers, Ethan Pitt, and Chris Coffelt shared that contracts have been signed. The Chamber board will meet at 8:00 a.m. to decide on a blueprint, location of house, and other details. Chamber has committed to \$15,000 towards the project, and DCDC has committed to \$15,000 and will carry the loan.

RAGBRAI: Kolton Hewlett, Ethan Pitt, and Shannon Erb updated the group on RAGBRAI. Shannon announced that there would be a decorated window contest for businesses to participate in. Kolton will forward out the information to everyone. Kolton shared that beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25 the majority of the square will be blocked off for vehicles, and the square will re-open on Wednesday, July 27 at Noon. Shannon shared that t-shirts will be in soon. Ethan shared information about where showers and toilets will be located around town.

Meal Site: Kolton Hewlett shared that several entities have partnered together to save the senior meal site program in Leon. These community partners include Leon's New Horizons, Inc. (New-2-U), Decatur County Hospital, Decatur

County Board of Supervisors, City of Leon, Decatur County Public Health, Decatur County Development Corporation, and the Leon Community Center Board. Leon's New Horizons, Inc. will serve as the fiscal sponsor of the program and hire a part-time staff person to run the meal site, Decatur County Hospital will cook the meals, the Board of Supervisors have kicked in \$10,000 to cover the cost of a staff member, the City of Leon will pay for utilities and allow the use of the building. Many expenses will go along with keeping this program afloat in Leon, including the cost of meals, supplies, and other operating costs, so Kolton requested that the Chamber consider contributing some money to the cause. Marcia McAlpin made a motion, Ethan Pitt seconded, to approve a \$250 contribution to the meal site program. M/C

New Business:

Decatur County Fair: Marcia Stephens gave an update on the fair and the commercial and organizational booths in Pioneer Hall. It is \$35 per booth. She will send the information to Kolton to forward out to the group.

Leon Fall Festival: The committee so far is Shannon Erb, Kolton Hewlett, and Sue Kelly. Chris Coffelt volunteered his wife Tanya to serve on the committee as well.

Other Reports:

City of Leon: The City of Leon currently has openings for both a City Administrator and a Chief of Police. They will appoint a Police Chief at the council meeting on the second Thursday.

Decatur County Development: Ethan shared some more information about the Cool and Connected program. They will be down on August 3rd for an all-day event.

Visioning Committee: The Little League will start working on the fields this year using the \$85,000 grant they received through the visioning process. Shelley Bickel also got a grant for 50 trees at the park.

Athletic Complex: Chris Coffelt shared a little about the progress at the football field and track.

Adjournment:

Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Kevin Frost seconded, to adjourn at 8:19 a.m. M/C

Attest:



Kolton Hewlett, Secretary/Treasurer