

Leon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – August 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, August 11, 2016, in the Decatur County Hospital conference room.

Roll Call:

Shane Akers, Kolton Hewlett, Ethan Pitt, Shannon Erb, Marcia McAlpin, Sue Kelly, James Rowe, Bob Frey, Jo Beth Smith, Chris Coffelt, Marcia Stephens.

Secretary's Report:

Kolton Hewlett distributed minutes from the July meeting. Marcia Stephens 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 July 31, 2016, we had \$93,938.32 cash-on-hand. \$7,708.13 in the general fund, \$36,279.82 in LCDC, \$1,362.15 in RLF, \$4,200.10 in the banner account, \$3,027.10 in the Decatur County Tourism account, and \$41,361.02 in the RABGRAI fund. For the general fund, there were \$.07 in deposits and \$594.00 in expenses. Sue Kelly made a motion, Marcia McAlpin seconded, to approve the financial report. M/C

Old Business:

Banners: Shannon Erb is going to work with Alliant to decide how many poles we have available to hang banners on. Kolton will research what vendor was used the first time and how much we paid.

Thursdays on the Square: Kolton Hewlett updated the group that August 11 is RABGRAI, August 18 is Decatur County Democrats, August 25 is Davis City Methodist Church.

SWCC Housing: Ethan Pitt shared that Shannon Erb has put together a marketing plan. The house will be built on the lot south of GRM, donated by Joe and Marcia Stephens. Chris Coffelt has been working with Tony Dykes at Southern Iowa Home Center on designs and quotes.

RABGRAI: Kolton Hewlett, Ethan Pitt, and Shannon Erb gave an update on RABGRAI. There was much discussion about Leon's success.

Meal Site: Sue Kelly gave an update on the Leon Community Meal Program, sponsored by Leon's New Horizons, Inc. Everything is going good, and a manager has been hired. Volunteers are always welcome.

Hanging Baskets: Pat Vanderflute shared that we need to order flowers for next year from Yutzy's Greenhouse in September.

New Business:

Leon Fall Festival: The committee so far is Shannon Erb, Kolton Hewlett, and Sue Kelly. They will meet on Tuesday, August 16 at 6pm in GRM.

Cool and Connected: Ethan Pitt gave an update on the Cool and Connected program and the community assessment that was performed over two days. Shannon Erb will take over leadership of the committee starting in September.

Leon Noel: Kolton shared that they are in need of volunteers for the Leon Noel committee if anyone is interested.

Southern Iowa Craft Fair: Kolton asked for volunteers to hang up the banner during the craft fair. Sue Kelly and Marcia Stephens volunteered.

Other Reports:

City of Leon: Sue Kelly shared the they have made an offer for the city administrator position.

Decatur County Development: Ethan Pitt shared that August 31 is his last official day as the DCDC Executive Director. He has taken a job in Kansas City at a credit union doing small business development loans. The group thanked Ethan for his commitment to Decatur County and his many accomplishments during his tenure.

Community Play: Marcia Stephens gave an update on the community play, State Fair. There were over 30 actors that participated and they made \$836 to be used for next year.

Adjournment:

Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Sue Kelly seconded, to adjourn at 8:01 a.m. M/C

Attest:



Kolton Hewlett, Secretary/Treasurer