

Leon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – November 2016

Call to Order:

Shane Akers called the regular meeting of the Leon Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:03 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2016, in the Decatur County Hospital conference room.

Roll Call:

Shane Akers, Shannon Erb, Sue Kelly, Tammy Heintz, Pat Vanderflute, John Dunsdon, Marcia Stephens, Jack DePond, TJ Wagler, Bob Frey, JoBeth Smith.

Secretary's Report:

Shannon Erb distributed minutes from the October meeting. Sue Kelly made a motion, Pat Vanderflute seconded, to approve the minutes. M/C

Treasurer's Report:

Shane Akers presented the treasurer's report. As of October 31, 2016, we had \$69,621.47 cash-on-hand. \$7,023.74 in the general fund, \$36,280.73 in LCDC, \$3,395.61 in RLF, \$4,200.10 in the banner account, \$3,027.10 in the Decatur County Tourism account, and \$15,682.19 in the RABGRAI fund. JoBeth Smith made a motion, John Dunsdon seconded, to approve the financial report. M/C

Old Business:

Southern Iowa Tourism: Shannon Erb reported that ads are due soon for the Southern Iowa Tourism guide. Contact her at 641-442-6511 if you're interested in an ad.

Cool & Connected: Shannon Erb mentioned that she has not yet sent an email with the draft plan to share and ask to form a committee, but will do so soon.

Christmas Lights: Shane Akers reported that we will need volunteers to help check the lights and organize them. Tammy, JoBeth, Sue, Marcia and Shannon volunteered to help on Wednesday, November 9 at 3 pm.

SWCC Housing: Shane Akers updated that progress is being made, and the basement will be poured soon.

New Business:

Leon Noel: Discussion was had about the need for an officer on duty that day to oversee the courthouse. Shane volunteered to check into how that will work. Leon Noel is Saturday, December 3 from 10am-2pm in the Courthouse. Trees can be placed for the event Monday, November 28-Thursday, December 1 during business hours. If you need to make arrangements outside of those hours, contact Sue Kelly.

Event Dates: Shannon Erb presented an event calendar for next year, and discussion was had on a few pending dates for the year. They are as follows:

Citizen of the Year Banquet/Annual Meeting – January 9

Wine and Beer Walk – April 1

Community Clean Up Day – April 15, rain date April 29

City Wide Garage Sale Day/Jefferson Highway Garage Sales – June 3

Leon Fall Festival – October 14

Leon Noel – December 2

Southern Iowa Craft Festival – November 11

Nominating Committee: A nominating committee was formed to recommend board members and officers for 2017. Shannon Erb, Marcia Stephens and JoBeth Smith are on the committee.

Fall Festival: Shannon Erb reported that the Fall Festival was a success. We sold 65 pumpkins, and had a great turnout for the chili and dessert contests.

Athletic Boosters: Shane Akers shared a flyer for the CD Athletic Boosters for anyone interested in becoming a supporter.

Other Reports:

City of Leon: Sue Kelly reported that a new police officer has been hired. Blake Kofoid will be a great addition to the force.

Decatur County Development: Shannon Erb reported that there are many positive things happening with economic development in the county right now, but not much she can talk about. She did mention that there was a groundbreaking held in Lamoni for the new Cobblestone Hotel, which will be a great asset county-wide.

Visioning Committee: Discussion was had about combining this committee with the Cool & Connected committee. Shannon Erb is willing to lead the charge on the committee for those that are interested.

LCDC: Shane Akers reported that the main project right now is the SWCC house. The new city program to demolish houses was also discussed. The City has some money set aside to help owners demolish houses. If you own a house that needs taken down, visit City Hall for an application to be reimbursed for part of the cost.

Adjournment:

Shannon Erb made a motion, Sue Kelly seconded, to adjourn at 8:09 a.m. M/C

Attest:

Shannon Erb, Vice President