

# Leon Chamber of Commerce

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Meeting Minutes – January 2017

## **Call to Order:**

Shane Akers called the regular meeting of the Leon Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:04 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2016, in the Decatur County Hospital conference room.

## **Roll Call:**

Shane Akers, Shannon Erb, Jessalyn Glasgow, Hillary Weir, Heidi Bell, Chris Coffelt, Doug Kouba, Tony Brown, Jo Beth Smith, Joe Stephens, Marcia Stephens.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Shannon Erb distributed minutes from the December meeting via email. Heidi Bell made a motion, Chris Coffelt seconded, to approve the minutes. M/C

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Shane Akers presented the treasurer's report. As of December 31, 2017, we had \$55,712.88 cash-on-hand. \$7,004.02 in the general fund, \$33,769.45 in LCDC, \$6,084.80 in RLF, \$4,200.10 in the banner account, \$4,427.25 in the Decatur County Tourism account, and \$227.26 in the RABGRAI fund. Chris Coffelt made a motion, Jo Beth Smith seconded, to approve the financial report. M/C

## **Old Business:**

Leon Noel: Heidi Bell reported that approximately 100 kids saw Santa. An increase in the budget for 2017 was also discussed.

Centralization of Documents: Shane Akers gave a recap of Decatur County Development Corporation's plan to house documents for community organizations for an annual fee. Nothing more at this time, but Shannon Erb will share the pricing structure once it is finalized.

Banners/Downtown Square Lighting/Snowflakes: Doug Kouba presented different options for new banners. A new design will be presented at the Citizen of the Year banquet. Heidi Bell offered to talk to Doyle regarding Christmas lights and what has been done in the past.

Committees for 2017/Dates: It was noted that Community Clean Up Day fell on a holiday weekend in the original schedule, so it has been moved to April 29<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date TBD.

KCBA Barbeque Competition: Marcia Stephens reported on her progress of submitting an application to host this event. A committee has been formed to plan the event. A motion was presented to approve a check of \$350 for the application fee for this event. Jo Beth made the motion, Doug Kouba seconded. M/C.

Citizen of the Year Banquet: The banquet will be held on Thursday, February 2, at the Leon Country Club. Send your RSVPs to Jo Beth Smith.

## **New Business:**

Membership Forms: Shannon Erb will email the membership forms to the Chamber email list. If there are individual businesses that do not respond, she will follow up with them individually. Contact her if you need an invoice for your organization or business to pay.

Nominating Committee: Shannon Erb and Jo Beth Smith presented the nominating committee's recommendation for officers and board members for 2017. After discussion, Shannon Erb made a motion, and Doug Kouba seconded to elect the following officers and board members:

President: Shane Akers

Vice President: Heidi Bell

Treasurer: Marcia Stephens

Secretary: Jo Beth Smith

Board Member: Tony Brown

Board Member: Cayle Buckingham

Board Member: Chris Coffelt

Board Member: Shannon Erb

Board Member: Jessalyn Glassgow

M/C

Budget Approval: Shane Akers presented the 2017 budget, and after discussion, Marcia Stephens made a motion to approved the budget with changes discussed at the meeting, and Jo Beth seconded. M/C.

**Other Reports:**

City of Leon: Joe Stephens reported people are applying to get assistance in tearing down houses. The program the City is offering is working. He also mentioned that they are very pleased with the Police Department, and the City Administrator.

Decatur County Development: Shannon Erb reported that the biggest project right now is the house the construction students are building with SWCC. It's going well, and making progress.

**Adjournment:**

Jo Beth Smith made a motion, Jo Stephens seconded, to adjourn at 8:25 a.m. M/C

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**Shannon Erb, Outgoing Vice President**