

LEON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2014

7 A.M. DCH Conference Room

PRESENT: Larry McAlpin, Cody Lindsey, Maggie Lindsey, Heidi Bell, Shane Akers, Marcia McAlpin, Marcia Stephens, Jack DePond, Juanita Yutzy, Jodi Wharff, Kolton Hewlett, John Dunsdon, Jo Beth Smith

Shane Akers called the meeting to order at 7 A.M.

Shane asked if there were any corrections needed in the December meeting minutes that were emailed to members. Larry McAlpin moved that we approve the March minutes and Jack DePond seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Marcia McAlpin presented the Treasurer's Report for April. As of April 30, 2014, there was a book balance of \$6,140.08. Marcia stated that all the bills from Spring Clean-up haven't been turned in nor the advertising for the wine walk. John Dunsdon moved for approval of the financial statement and Heidi Bell seconded. Motion approved. (Attachment A)

There was discussion regarding the payment status of Don's Floral for the USDA grant she received. It was reported that there hasn't been a payment for two months. John Dunsdon said that he would talk to Karla.

Old Business

Wine Walk

Several good comments were heard about the Wine Walk. Jack DePond said that the hosts were happy with the way it went. There was some comment that people would like to see it last a little longer. They were rushed to get to every stop within the time that was allotted. There was discussion about routing people so that there isn't a traffic jam at one end or the other.

Community Wide Clean-Up

Darlene Richardson stated that the library had a good experience with the help they received. Maggie reported there were over 35 projects this year. There weren't as many youth volunteers but there were more adults that volunteered. She thanked everyone for helping. Chamber appreciates Maggie and Cody taking the lead on this project.

New Business/Committee Reports

The group discussed how to get information about Chamber to potential new members. Maggie stated that she would send a postcard.

Thursday in the Park

Darla Stoltzfus is organizing Thursday in the Park again this year.

Farmer's Market

Farmer's Market season is June 26 through October 9 each Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the square. Vendor fees are \$5.00. Only certified vendors can accept food vouchers that are distributed at the meal site. If there is a special event the vendors may stay a little longer.

4th of July

Heidi Bell will follow-up with Dawn Criss and Sandy Marcus on activities on the square. There is a \$300 budget for this event. Some discussion has taken place about getting a bounce house type of activity which may cost more. We will see if there is any money left from the Spring Clean-up budget.

Trees Forever

This visioning project is a beautification type of project. On June 7th the community can come in and look at the concepts of possible projects in Leon. ISU students will be assisting with this by providing the designs and assisting with locating funding.

Freedom Rock

It was suggested that the empty lot on Hwy 2 (101/103 N. Main) would be a good location for the Freedom Rock. Shane said that he would relay that information to Angie Jensen.

Presbyterian Church

Darlene Richardson presented information regarding preservation of the Presbyterian Church. The final church service will be June 1. Various options are being looked at. Darlene is asking the Chamber to share their 501c3 status so that she can establish a historic conservancy. Chamber will get back to Darlene in a few days.

Ribbon Cutting at Hammer's immediately following the Chamber meeting today.

John Dunsdon moved and Kolton Hewlett seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8 a.m.