

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5th, 2016

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on April 5th, 2016. Marvin Rodenbaugh called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron Baker led a prayer to open our meeting.

Minutes: Meeting Minutes from March were approved as stated.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Account balance as of April 5th, 2016 was \$4,300.23 which includes \$1,338.00 of scholarship funds.
- 2) Treasurer's report from March was approved as stated.

Foristell City Report: No city report given today.

Wright City School District: Jack Sanford, David Buck

- 1) Track starts tonight (4/5/16); Golf season has begun.
- 2) Fundraiser June 4th at Incline village course to raise money for the school district.
- 3) Drug awareness program on the 6th.
- 4) Blue and Gold fundraiser (April 2nd) had a great turnout; thanks given to the community and attendees for their support.
- 5) STEM lab has just been refurbished and ready for next year.

Wentzville School District: Pam Frazier

- 1) School Board approved bond refinancing that will save \$5mil.
- 2) STEM Olympics completed and was a great success.
- 3) Liberty HS dance team won state championship.
- 4) Construction continues with elementary schools, remodels, etc.

Old Business:

- 1) Foristell chamber Facebook page & Website
 - a. Chamber Facebook page has been created, but is a work in progress.
 - b. Website is being updated as well. Due to updating the website, we have already had a request for info from an individual moving to the area. Their request was to provide information for internet providers in the Foristell area.
- 2) Scholarship
 - c. There will be 2 scholarships this year, an \$800 and \$500.
 - d. Applications will be sent to schools, and we will need to award the scholarships by the end of

the month. Winners will be notified and awards presented during school presentations, depending upon dates.

- e. Scholarship committee consists of: Nancy Hance, Marvin Rodenbaugh, Michelle Smith
- f. Anyone else interested in serving on the scholarship committee, please contact Nancy or Michelle.

New Business:

- 1) Operation Backpack request
 - a. Operation backpack provides food to children in schools. Some children essentially raise themselves and the best meals they receive are what they get while in school. Operation backpack sends food home with children so they can have food to eat over the weekends.
 - b. Operation Backpack is hosting a 5k run to raise food to feed kids. Event will be on May 7th.
 - c. Do we want to help sponsor the event? Cost is \$150.
 - d. Jackie S made the motion to donate funds to help sponsor the event. Melissa P seconded. Motion passed by majority.
- 2) Secretary notes:
 - e. Aaron will be out of town June and July on meeting dates. Seeking volunteers to cover the secretarial duties. Typically we do not have a July meeting. Michelle Smith volunteered to do the June meeting minutes.

Guest Speaker: Jim Kilman, Next Generation Security Systems

- 1) NextGen installs and sells A.V. equipment, point of sales systems, and security cameras.
- 2) Surveillance systems are most common. They serve gas stations, providing facial recognition to DVR recorders and NVR recorders which can be viewed over a network. Can do wireless camera installations and video feed can be viewed online.
- 3) Jim installed wireless cameras for Foristell storage. Has a motion stamp on activity which is watermarked, which is a technology that holds up in court.
- 4) Reasons to install a camera system:
 - a. Need a camera system for prevention. Having a camera you are 4x less likely to be targeted.
 - b. Also can get insurance discounts with a system.
 - c. Internal reasons can be for security, discourage theft, etc..
 - d. Employee accidents can be accessed, discouraged, and proved/disproved.
 - e. Many cameras are put on dumpsters to discourage illegal dumping.
 - f. Costs can be saved so security does not have to check empty lots or showroom floors, and employees can know when a customer comes in.

Announcements:

- 1) Wentzville Christian church has a spring musical, first weekend of May. Theme: Beauty and the Beast. There will be 4 performances. Sign up now to attend as this will fill up fast.
- 2) Forms were used to RSVP to the chamber meeting and lunch, and were well received. We will continue to use the form in the future, but emails are also accepted.

- 3) We will look into meeting at Galati's sometime this year.
- 4) May 12th, 6pm there will be a meeting at WCSD to discuss phone surveys related to the bond issue.
- 5) President for May: Melissa Porlier
- 6) Potential speakers discussed, but none decided.
- 7) 50/50 drawing winner: Jackie Stewart

Meeting Attendees this month:

Jack Sanford, WCSD

Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ

Pam Wiss, The Missouri Bank

Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco

Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising

Jim Kilman, Next Gen Security

Linda Brent, Fastlane

Matt Jaspering, Alliance Water Resources

Michelle Smith, ReMax Edge

Fran Hawkins, Fastlane

Pam Frazier, Wentzville School District

David Buck, WCSD

Jackie Stewart, Warren County Ambulance District

Submitted by Aaron Baker, 4/11/16