

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on August 2nd, 2016. Melissa called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron led a prayer to open our meeting.

Minutes: Meeting Minutes from June were approved as stated.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Account balance as of August 2nd, 2016 was \$2,963.12, which includes \$53.00 in scholarship funds.
- 2) \$100 was donated as a memorial for Ken Orf to the St Patrick's Catholic church.
- 3) Treasurer's report from June was approved as stated.

Foristell City Report: Sandy Stokes, City Administrator

- 1) Elections are under way today. Polling place is busy at City Hall.
- 2) Ken Orf had been a board member w/Foristell City, and involved with the city on many levels. He will be missed.
- 3) Foristell property off Hwy T is showing interest for boat / RV storage.
- 4) 1 cent fuel tax is helping the city budget with future projects, roads, etc.
- 5) Claria is a new business in Foristell, in the Mittler Bros building.
- 6) Charter is providing internet for Claria, and will hopefully continue to expand in the City.

Wright City School District: No report given this month.

Wentzville School District: Pam Frazier, WSD

- 1) Getting ready for school to start.
- 2) Back to school fair will be on Saturday (8/6). MOchip will be doing free IDs.
- 3) Boundaries are changing within the school district, so parents and families need to stay up to date.
- 4) Kasey Lann is a finalist for the presidential teaching award.
- 5) Sports practices have begun. Enrollment is up 620 kids from last year.

Old Business:

- 1) Marthasville and Warrenton chamber membership swap
 - a. This seems to be a honorary membership swap
 - b. Is more of an event awareness distribution through email.
 - c. Are we invited to chamber events?
 - d. Motion made and approved to send and receive chamber events with Warrenton and

Marthasville chambers.

- 2) Chamber meeting frequency
 - e. Majority was in favor of monthly meetings.
 - f. Monthly contact is key, and network opportunities are a good connection.
 - g. This topic has been tabled for now in favor of monthly meetings.
- 3) Possible future Chamber events
 - a. Foristell city board of alderman have not discussed the Christmas party yet.
 - b. Chamber is interested in helping financially to make the party happen.
 - c. Fall event is a good idea, but not practical to have at the park, due to parking restrictions.
 - d. Budget for the Foristell city Christmas party is roughly \$4,000. It may be that the chamber can help subsidize the party.
 - e. We will revisit this topic due to good discussion.

New Business:

- 1) See possible future chamber events from above, as we discussed at length options of partnering with the City of Foristell to host events.
- 2) No other new business to include.

Guest Speaker: Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ

- 1) Aaron discussed his recent mission trip to the South Pacific country of Vanuatu.
- 2) Also mentioned that it is important for people to get involved in their local church, community, or non-profit as there are many benefits.

Announcements:

- 1) Rep. Bryan Spencer will be hosting a free event for small businesses and downtown cities to inform them of economic incentives. **August 4th** @ VFW post in Wentzville.
- 2) Dan Mehan, President of Missouri Chamber of Commerce will host an event: Missouri 2030 at Country Lake Golf Course in Warrenton, **August 9th**.
- 3) Next meeting will be on September 6th. Speaker: KJ Spurlock, Community Solutions
- 4) 50/50 drawing winner: Melissa Porlier; winnings donated to scholarship fund.

Meeting Attendees this month:

Peggy Alexander, Shiloh, UMC	Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ
Pam Wiss, The Missouri Bank	Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco
Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising	Lori Kehoe, Habitat for Humanity
Mark Mignew, Lori Kehoe, Habitat for Humanity	Matt Jaspering, Alliance Water Resources
Michelle Smith, ReMax Edge	KJ Spurlock, Community Solutions
Pam Frazier, Wentzville School District	Sandy Stokes, City of Foristell
Jackie Stewart, Warren County Ambulance District	Gayle Stelzer, Cuivre River Elec Coop

Submitted by Aaron Baker, August 8th, 2016