

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1st, 2015

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on September 1st, 2015. Pam Frazier called the meeting to order. Dave Buck led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Aaron Baker led the opening prayer.

Minutes: Meeting minutes from August were approved as stated.

Treasurer's Report:

1) Account balance as of September 1st, 2015 was \$3,514.71. The treasurer's report was approved as stated.

2) The chamber currently has \$527 the Ray Alexander Scholarship Fund. Kama Mainieri was the chamber's 2015 Ray Alexander Scholarship recipient. Chamber is still awaiting enrollment information for Kama, then the chamber will disburse the \$800 scholarship.

Foristell City Report: No report given this month.

Wright City School District:

1) Dave Buck (WCSD Superintendent) reports that school is open and running well. Population in the district is up and student population is rising as well. The playground for the early childhood center should be installed this week.

2) School district performance: This past year the WCSD had its 2nd best academic year this century! 15 out of 23 were above average for MAP scores

Wentzville School District: Pam Frazier, Wentzville School District

1) Duello, Discovery, and Lakeview are all experiencing expansion. 20 classrooms will be added to accommodate the growth. The school district is looking for land for an elementary school and has submitted a site plan. A board meeting will meet to consider building 2 elementary buildings at the same time, but financing options need to be considered.

2) Due to all this area growth and expansion 2020 – 2021 would be the next time the school board would need to consider a tax increase to fund additional building projects.

3) Currently elementary schools are at capacity. Continued growth may force creative options to accommodate more students such as moving 6th grade classes down to the elementary school. This is just one of many scenarios they will look at to handle the growth we are experiencing in our school district. Student count is up over 500 students this year.

Announcements:

1) Marvin Rodenbaugh won the 50/50 drawing.

2) Don't forget the next meeting will be in October and Marvin will be the acting President for the Foristell chamber. Speaker will be Jackie Stewart.

3) Cottleville chamber hosts a food-truck frolic with vendors and a shows family-friendly movie. All are invited to attend and support the Cottleville chamber on September 25th.

4) Western St Charles Chamber will host a murder mystery dinner on October 23rd and 24th. Our very own Allen Roan and Marvin Rodenbaugh will be part of the cast. Please support them, and our fellow chamber with your attendance.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Garcia, Wentzville School District, Early Childhood Center

1) Kevin presented the mission of the Early Childhood Center. Most pre-schools are allowed to have enrollment and then can accept or deny applicants. These centers can accept all students and can accept all applicants. This can mean kids w/speech impediments or mentally fragile students all learning together. These are kids up to 5 years old; current students are aged 3-5.

2) Goals: reach full potential of kids; prepare them for kindergarten.

3) Numbers: 375 students enrolled; 215 are special-education service needs; 160 are tuition students. Currently there is no tuition charged in the Wentzville school district as a grant has paid for the building and teacher salaries. This includes 16 ECSE teachers; 24 teacher assistants; 8 speech & language path; 4 OT & PT; 6 diagnostic staff

Meeting attendees this month:

Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco

Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ

Pam Frasier, Wentzville School District

Kevin Garcia, Wentzville School District

Jack Sanford, Wright City School District

Jackie Stewart, Warren County Ambulance District

Phil Reid, Westbound Real Estate

Ken Orf, Foristell Storage

Kurt Daniels, Cochran Engineering

Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising

Michelle Reigh, WCEE

Dave Buck, Wright City School District

Nancy Hance, First State Community Bank

Submitted by Aaron Baker 8/13/2015