

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Minutes
Regular Meeting June 7, 2011

Present: Allen Rone, Carol Powelson, Jack Sanford, Jackie Stewart, Kari Monsees, Kurt Daniels, Larry Shroth, Laura McLane, Marvin Rodenbaugh, Michelle Smith, Nancy Hance, Ray Alexander, Peggy Alexander, Rich Paton, Sandy Stokes, Sara Nielson, Tammy Miller, Tim Hooten

President Tim Hooten called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed members and guests. Those in attendance introduced themselves and the company they represent.

Marvin Rodenbaugh gave the blessing and lunch was served.

Minutes

The minutes of the May meeting were distributed at today's meeting. Tim asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were none. Marvin Rodenbaugh made a motion to approve the minutes, Michelle Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nancy Hance presented the Treasurer's Report. Current balance in the checking account is \$4,320.99. The Chamber made a donation of \$100 to Birthright of Wentzville. A motion was made by Carol Powelson and seconded by Kari Monsees to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

City Report

Sandy Stokes presented the city report. The Fight Factory has opened on Cedar Street. This new Foristell business will offer kickboxing lessons. There will be two fireworks stands in the city this summer, one at Travel America and another between Fast Lane and The Missouri Bank. Sandy extended a special thanks to Tim Hooten for Cuivre River Electric's quick response to a leaning pole in front of Wright City Elementary School. Another special thanks went out to Foristell Christian Church for allowing Magical Adventures Learning Center to bring children to the basement of their building during the recent storms. Sandy encouraged all business to develop a disaster plan.

School District Reports

Kari Monsees, CFO of Wentzville Schools, reported that students finished the year last Thursday and Summer School started yesterday. There were no major issues from the spring storms. In April, a .30 levy was passed for new buildings in the district. They are currently in the design phase and construction will begin this fall.

Jack Sanford, Wright City Schools, reported students finished the year last Wednesday and Summer School started the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Cochran Engineering is doing the parking lot project at the high school. Disaster plans are in place in the district. The difficult part of the plan is to reunify children with their parents. The district is working on refining this process.

Program

Missouri Senator Scott Rupp gave an update on the recent legislative session. Missouri is the fifth most financially sound state in the US and maintains their AAA bond rating. Unemployment has dropped to 8.9% after two years at over 9%. Scott mentioned several initiatives from the session including corporate franchise taxes, employment law decisions, unemployment benefits, the China Hub, the budget, and congressional redistricting. For additional details, visit Senator Rupp's website.

Old Business

The Chamber is going to participate in the Warren County Project. Chamber members will be receiving an email from Gary Baker with additional information about the project.

New Business

Marvin Rodenbaugh attended the St. Charles County League of Chambers meeting recently. Chamber Day at the Capital will be combined with the Vision Leadership visit to Jefferson City on February 15, 2012. The League has decided to disband. A final meeting will be held to determine how to disperse the funds to member Chambers.

Announcements

Tim Hooton announced the Chamber received thank you notes from Krystle Hubbard and Birthright Wentzville for our recent donations.

Marvin Rodenbaugh announced the Wentzville Christian Church performance of Beauty and the Beast Jr. at the church Friday, June 10 at 7 pm. The event is free.

Marvin also announced the Second Annual Co-Ed Sand Volleyball Tournament sponsored by St. Charles County Vision Leadership on Saturday, June 18. Additional information available at www.visionleadership.org.

Tammy Miller won the 50/50. Allen Rone won the web site and Carol Powelson won the Business of the Month table for June.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2011. There will be no meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McLane, Secretary