

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Minutes
Regular Meeting August 2, 2011

Present: Allen Rone, Carol Powelson, Chris Gaines, Frank Eggering, Jackie Stewart, Larry Shroth, Laura McLane, Mark Van Dillen, Marvin Rodenbaugh, Nancy Hance, Philip Reid, Ray Alexander, Peggy Alexander, Rich Paton, Sandy Stokes, Tim Hooton

President Tim Hooton 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.

Rich Paton gave the blessing and lunch was served.

Minutes

The minutes of the August meeting were distributed via email prior to today's meeting. Tim asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. The minutes were amended to include Philip Reid as the winner of the featured business on the web site for September.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nancy Hance presented the Treasurer's Report. Current balance in the checking account is \$4240.38, which includes \$104 in the Scholarship Fund. A motion was made by Larry Shroth and seconded by Allen Rone to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

City Report

Sandy Stokes presented the city report. The Economic Development Council of St. Charles has selected Porlier Outdoor Advertising as its Spotlight of the Month business, so their meeting will be held at Porlier next week. On September 22, the city will open bids for the sewer project. Recently, a steel processing plant inquired about land in Foristell for their business. Due to heavy industrial requests, the business is not seen as a good fit for our city. Businesses in Foristell continue to thrive.

School District Reports

Chris Gaines, Superintendent of Wright City Schools, reported the school year is off to a smooth start. The home opener football game was held at the new complex and that the ad signs look good. (Please see announcements for additional details regarding ad opportunities.) The district is sponsoring a new Robotics club. The school provides the coach and volunteer mentors provide technical expertise to the students. Enrollment in the district is down slightly.

There was no report from Wentzville Schools.

Program

Guest speaker, Gary Baker, spoke about the Warren County Project. The mission of the project is to serve as a communication vehicle to match needs in the community with available resources to meet those needs, typically through introductions and connections. Gary showed a video created by the Cathy Family of Chick-Fil-A entitled **Every Life Has a Story**. Gary believes when people start caring about other people and their stories, then we build a community. In addition, we saw a video of John O'Leary, a motivational speaker, documenting John's reunion with Nurse Roy. Roy contributed in a very significant way to John's recovery from severe burns.

To have a project considered by the WCP, submit an idea for something you'd like to see happening in our community. Be prepared to explain who you are, why you want to do this project, who's on your team, and how long you plan to stick with your project. Current projects have connected people from all over the country working together to serve vets and military families.

Old Business

The Board met with Chris McAmis of Tracker Designs and plans are underway to update the Chamber website. Updates will include posting of meeting minutes, current member lists, and announcements. The chamber web site is www.foristellchamber.com.

New Business

We are considering holding our October meeting at Cedar Lake Cellars. Carol Powelson will call to determine what our options are. Members will be notified prior to the October meeting.

Announcements

Chris Gaines announced the Wright City Chamber Celebrity Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 8 at Innsbrook Golf Course.

Wright City School District has limited advertising space available at the renovated athletic complex. The space is along the driveway south of the football field. Contact the district for more information.

Allen Rone announced tickets are available for a Trivia Event hosted by the Harris Foundation.

Tim Hooton announced a speed networking event sponsored by the Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at Cedar Lake Cellars on October 11 at 5:30.

The Wright City Parks department upcoming day trips, including one to Ameristar on September 27. Contact the Parks Office at 636-745-2804 for additional information.

American Bank is sponsoring a commemorative ceremony for 9/11 on Friday, September 9 from 11:30-2:30.

Laura McLane announced a 4 week Financial Workshop beginning Tuesday, September 13 at the Troy Chamber of Commerce. Contact 636-528-7991 for additional details.

Ray and Peggy Alexander brought donations for the Food Pantry.

Rich Paton won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings to the Food Pantry. The Chamber also donated their share. Philip Reid won the featured business on the web site for the month of October. Allen Rone won the Business of the Month table for October.

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

The next meeting will be held on October 4, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McLane, Secretary