

Foristell Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2013

The Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at Big Boys Restaurant in Wright City, Missouri Tuesday, January 8th. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Van Dillen at 12:10pm. Pastor Richard Paton led us in prayer. Introductions were made by the following members present: Mark Van Dillen, Charlene Twiehaus, Nancy Hance, Sandra and Doyle Stokes, Chris Gaines, Kari Monsees, Carol Powelson, Ray and Peggy Alexander, Jack Sanford, Marvin Rodenbaugh, Allen Rone, Jackie Stewart, Ken Orf, Rachel Merz, Tim Hooton, Matt Boyer, Kaci, Richard Paton, Kevin Dalton, and John Eberhardt.

New Officers for 2013: Mark Van Dillen, President; Philip Reid, Vice President; Charlene Twiehaus, Secretary; and Nancy Hance, Treasurer. Board Members are Matt Boyer, Richard Paton, Ray Alexander and Michelle Smith.

Minutes Meeting minutes from December were not available as Laura McLane was unable to attend due to illness. Reading of the December minutes will be suspended until the next meeting.

Treasurer Report Nancy Hance gave the treasurer's report with \$3,416.25 in the general account. The scholarship basket raffle raised a total of \$496.00. Treasurer's report approved and motion seconded.

City Report City Administrator, Sandy Stokes reported that the holiday open house was successful. The crowd was not as large as the prior year. Three barrels of toys were donated to the Salvation Army and a pick-up load of donated food items was taken to the Foristell Food Pantry. Sandy also mentioned that the City of Foristell was audited by the insurance service offices (ISO) for building codes (BCEGS) to set the insurance premium rates. They audit the enforcement and inspections made by the city. The city did great and was above the state level, but just slightly below the federal level. This is because of the great job our city inspector, Bob Barclay is doing for us. Finally, Sandy announced that the South Service Road will be changing to the "Veterans Memorial Parkway" addresses as in other towns soon.

Wentzville School District Kari Monsees reported that the Liberty High School construction is going well. The roof color is navy blue to match the mascot color. The school will be ready for incoming freshman next year. There has been emphasis on school safety with regards to the Sandy Hook incident. The school district has had meetings with law enforcement for recommendations to ensure student safety. Finally, Kari has accepted a position at Ray-Pec, a school district in south Kansas City. He will be in his current position for about 6 more months.

Wright City School District Chris Gaines stated that safety issues were also a concern for parents after Sandy Hook and they received many calls. Law enforcement was increased the week of the incident. The Wright City marching band travelled to Texas for the Cotton Bowl and performed during half-time with other bands. The judges awarded the band first place in four areas including concert band, jazz band, marching band, and percussions. Chris also noted that Wright City Schools have increased enrollment since Christmas. He also invited Chamber members to attend the Balridge event on January 24th which focuses on measuring performance.

Speaker In lieu of a speaker this month, President Mark Van Dillen, had each chamber member randomly choose the name of another member. Everyone present took turns giving brief informational introductions for the member whose name they had chosen along with information about their businesses.

Old Business Carol Powelson stated that a number of tables were missing from the Porlier meeting room. She asked that they be returned as soon as possible.

Allen Rone, Marvin Rodenbaugh, and Kari Monsees will perform the chamber audit.

New Business Last year the Foristell Chamber of Commerce awarded one \$500.00 scholarship. A motion was made to increase the scholarship to \$800.00. Motion seconded and all were in favor of the increase.

Peggy Alexander won the 50/50 drawing. The Missouri Bank won the featured business of the month and the feature table for next month.

Meeting for February was set for Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting at 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Charlene Twiehaus, Chamber Secretary