

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Minutes
Regular Meeting January 3, 2012

Present: Carol Powelson, Chris Gaines, Frank Eggering, Jack Sanford, Jackie Stewart, John Pickering, Judd Eberhardt, Ken Orf, Laura McLane, Mark Van Dillen, Michelle Smith, Nancy Hance, Philip Reid, Ray and Peggy Alexander, Rich Paton, Sandy Stokes, Tammy Miller, Tim Hooton, Wanda Donnelly. Guests were Matt Boyer and Stevye Hartwig.

Vice-President Mark Van Dillen 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.

Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting will be distributed via email this week.

Treasurer's Report

December 2011: Balance as of 12/6/2011=\$3648.09 Scholarship fund=\$104

January 2012: Checking account balance=\$4659.61 Scholarship fund=\$571

2012 membership dues received from five businesses to date. Please submit your 2012 dues as soon as possible.

City Report

Sandy Stokes presented the city report. The Holiday Open House was a great success. Attendance was wonderful. The city has awarded the bid for the sewer project. Sandy will give an update on the City at our February meeting.

School District Reports

Chris Gaines, Wright City Schools, reported that students will return from the holiday break tomorrow. Attendance and academic indicators were up for the first semester. School Board filing is open until January 17. There are two openings. Chris is hopeful that Flu shot clinics for staff and low income kids will help reduce flu outbreaks this year.

There was no report from Wentzville Schools.

Program

Laura McLane, Edward Jones Financial Advisor, presented Outlook 2012. The volatility of the markets in 2011 was driven by uncertainty and reaction to global events. Although the volatility is expected to continue in 2012, especially since it's an election year, there is still good news for investors. For additional information, refer to Outlook 2012 on the Edward Jones web site, www.edwardjones.com.

Old Business

Scholarship: The Scholarship application will be attached to the email for the January minutes. Please distribute to anyone you know who meets the eligibility criteria. Student must be attending college in the fall and live in the 63348 zip code.

Website: The Chamber web site will offer advertising to members in order to raise money for the scholarship fund. Ads will run from the time a member buys the ad until December 2012 and be priced by size.

150 x 70 pixels=\$75 This is approximately 2 ½ x 1"

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570 x 170 pixels=\$250 approximately 5 x 2 ½"

New Business

If anyone has a suggestion for speakers for 2012, please see a board member. Sandy Stokes will speak in February. Forms for Chamber Membership in 2012 were distributed. Please submit to Nancy Hance with your dues as soon as possible.

Announcements

Sandy Stokes thanked members for their donations at the Open House. She encouraged members to continue to donate to the Food Pantry. Rich Paton says the pantry does have freezer space available and can take any prepackaged items. Please do not donate expired food. They especially need laundry detergent, personal hygiene products. Also, the Pantry needs to expand the number of families they serve. If you know of someone in need, please refer them.

Matt Boyer, owner of United Martial Arts, introduced himself and his business now located at 21 Cedar Street in Foristell. He offers traditional Tae Kwan Do for the entire family. Matt is very excited to have his business in Foristell and looks forward to many successful years. Stevye Hartwig blends clinical and spa message therapy at the same building. Call Matt 636-696-3235 or Stevye 636-290-080 for additional information.

Rich Paton also announced that Foristell Christian Church is a collection point for shoes. They are trying to fill their front porch with shoes. Feel free to leave shoes on the front porch any time.

Chris Gaines announced Warren County Wednesdays to encourage people to shop in Warren County. The three chambers of Warren County are putting together a marketing committee for Warren County Wednesdays. If you are interested in participating, let the respective chambers know.

Carol Powelson thanked everyone for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund. We raised \$467. Marvin Rodenbaugh sold the winning ticket to RJ Runge of Runge Chiropractic.

Laura McLane announced Bringing Balance to Your Budget seminar to be held Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 pm at the Troy Chamber of Commerce. This seminar is for younger investors who may have a New Year's Resolution regarding their finances. Learn ways to balance your budget, manage debt, and save for retirement. Call Laura at 636-528-7991 for details.

Peggy Alexander won the 50/50 drawing. Frank Eggering with Foristell Storage won the featured business on the web site for the month of February. Carol Powelson won the Business of the Month table for February.

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

The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McLane, Secretary