

**Foristell Chamber of Commerce Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting December 6, 2011**

Present: Allen Rone, Carol Powelson, Charlene Twiehaus, Chris Gaines, Christiane Batjer, David Monahan, Frank Eggering, Jackie Stewart, John Pickering, Kari Monsees, Ken Orf, Laura McLane, Mark Van Dillen, Marvin Rodenbaugh, Michelle Smith, Ray and Peggy Alexander, 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.

Christiane Batjer gave the blessing and lunch was served.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the November meeting were distributed via email prior to today's meeting. Tim asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. The minutes were approved. Allen Rone motioned to accept and Michelle Smith seconded.

**Treasurer's Report**

There was no treasurer's report presented.

**City Report**

Sandy Stokes presented the city report. The Holiday Open House will be held December 9 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at City Hall, located at 121 Mulberry Street. The Open House will include a Santa for the kids, JD Unplugged. Donations of non-perishable food items or a new unwrapped toy or gift suitable for a senior citizen earns an entry into a drawing for prizes. The city is working on their budget for 2012 and opened bidding for the sewer project.

**School District Reports**

Chris Gaines, Wright City Schools, detailed two accidents in the district boundaries that affected students. Basketball is in full swing and everyone is anxious for the holiday break.

Kari Monsees, Wentzville Schools, reported they are currently working on the high school plan and nine building additions are going on the district now. The Holiday Assistance Program will benefit 350 families, which means about 1000 kids will have presents to open this year. Netbooks have been distributed to high school freshmen. Montee Ball, a graduate of Timberland High School, is a finalist for the Heisman trophy.

**Program**

Due to elections and the scholarship fund raising, there was no program this month.

**Old Business/New Business**

1. Open House: Tim Hooton, president, reminded members to attend the City Open House on Friday. The drawing for the Scholarship Basket will take place there. Many thanks to all members who donated items for the basket and showed support of the Scholarship Fund by donating to the drawing.
2. Scholarship: The Foristell Chamber Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in 2012. Discussion regarding the parameters of the scholarship included age of recipient, minimum GPA requirements, payment strategies, and deadline dates. In order to be eligible, students must be graduating high school seniors or returning college students with a Foristell zip code. The \$500 one time check will be paid to the student upon proof of enrollment. Tim will update the application and have it available at the next meeting.

3. 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”  
150 x 150 pixels=\$150 approximately 2 ½ x 2 ½ “  
570 x 170 pixels=\$250 approximately 5 x 2 ½”  
The website will also include an event calendar for members to announce their events. Sandy Stokes suggested the pictures of the city be updated. She has them available and they need to be sent to Chris at Tracker Designs.
4. Elections: The 2012 slate of officers was presented to the General Membership and was unanimously approved.
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| President: Allen Rone           | Board of Directors: | Michelle Smith    |
| Vice President: Mark Van Dillen |                     | Marvin Rodenbaugh |
| Treasurer: Nancy Hance          |                     | Tim Hooton        |
| Secretary: Laura McLane         |                     | Carol Powelson    |

### **Announcements**

Chris Gaines thanked members for their support of the Warren County Fine Arts event. In addition, Chris announced Warren County Wednesdays to encourage people to shop in Warren County.

Michelle Smith with Remax Stars announced a web site for General Motors employees new to the area.  
[www.gmhousingnew.com](http://www.gmhousingnew.com) has advertising space available for \$200/year.

Jackie Steward announced the Wright City Scholarship Auction will be held on Saturday, March 24. Set that date aside on your calendars.

Laura McLane won the 50/50 drawing. Christiane Batjer won the featured business on the web site for the month of January. Ray and Peggy Alexander won the Business of the Month table for January.

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

The next meeting will be held on January 3, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McLane, Secretary