

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 5th, 2016

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on January 5th, 2016. Michelle Smith called the meeting to order and let the Pledge of Allegiance. Marvin Rodenbaugh led the opening prayer.

Minutes: Meeting Minutes from December, 2015 were approved as stated

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Account balance as of January 5th, 2016 was \$3,641.57 which includes \$1,278 of Scholarship funds raised by the gift basket raffle.
- 2) Treasurer's report was approved as stated.

Foristell City Report: Sandy Stokes, City Administrator

- 1) There is interest in Foristell on Hwy T for land, towards the Bubbling Brook estates area.
- 2) A few new homes are planned for construction in the Dietrich crossing area.

Wright City School District: David Buck

- 1) School is underway following the Christmas break.
- 2) Though many areas have faced flooding due to recent rains, there was no flood damage to WCSD schools.
- 3) 3 football players were named to all-state.

Wentzville School District: No report given this month.

Old Business:

- 1) Gift Basket raised \$1,278 for the Ray Alexander scholarship fund.
- 2) Many thanks to the Foristell Fastlane crew for displaying the basket which helped sell more tickets.
Thanks Linda!

New Business:

- 1) Committee needs to be formed for the scholarship search. Topic was tabled for now.
- 2) Request from Salvation Army was received by the chamber for a donation. Suggestion was made to keep chamber funds local and not make donation at this time.
- 3) Suggestion was made to create Foristell chamber Facebook page and update Foristell chamber website. Michelle Smith will look into creating a FB page.

Guest Speaker: Deana Dothage, Mobility Management

- 1) Mobility Management helps coordinate affordable rides for people with transportation challenges.
 - a. A database has been developed to serve 5 counties. 140 counties have been added to that database.
 - b. Based on an individual's needs, Dena can help people find rides to meet their budgets.
 - c. Eastern Missouri Transportation Council was involved in seeking a grant for this project with help from Boonslick Regional Planning Council.
 - d. Main targets to help people: people with disabilities, senior citizens, low income individuals.
 - e. Requests for rides come mostly from St Charles county. They are helping 73% of people who call.
 - f. Website launched in 2014: www.morides.org
 - g. Program now covers 19 counties.
- 2) Other topics:
 - a. Warren county emergency management also helps identify buildings that could be used in the case of a disaster or emergency.
 - b. CERT helps community leaders be prepared for emergencies.

Announcements:

- 1) President for next month: Melissa Porlier
- 2) 50/50 drawing winner: Peggy Alexander; donated winnings to scholarship fund.
- 3) Wentzville Christian church is holding auditions Feb 14, 15 for the Spring musical program coming up. See wentzvillecc.org for more info.
- 4) Thursday 6pm there is a meeting for the Boonslick region transportation board.

Meeting Attendees this month:

Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ	Pam Wiss, The Missouri Bank
Jack Sanford, Wright City School District	Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco
Nancy Hance, First State Community Bank	Michelle Smith, ReMax Edge
Sandy Stokes, City of Foristell	Peggy Alexander, Shiloh UMC
Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising	Jackie Steward, WCAD
David Buck, Wright City School District	John Pickering, City of Foristell
Deana Dothage, MoRides	

Submitted by Aaron Baker, 1/5/2016