

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2016

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on January 2nd, 2016. Melissa Porlier called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron Baker led a prayer to open our meeting.

Minutes: Meeting Minutes from January were approved as stated

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Account balance as of February 2nd, 2016 was \$3,771.22 which includes \$1,326.00 of Scholarship funds.
- 2) Treasurer's report was approved as stated.

Foristell City Report: Sandy Stokes, City Administrator

- 1) Repairs are underway to the city park, which suffered around \$6,000 worth of damage due to recent flooding.
- 2) A few new homes are planned for construction in the Dietrich crossing area with 6 parcels having recently sold.
- 3) Tim Banze purchased 20 acres on Hwy T. The Board of alderman approved a change from agricultural to commercial zoning. There will be some outside storage of equipment at this location as Tim purchased Gold Star Paving company.
- 4) This is a new business for Foristell and we are glad to have them in our area.

Wright City School District: Jack Sanford

- 1) Basketball is in full swing.
- 2) Summer projects are on the horizon. A few upcoming projects are: building renovations, locker room renovations, HS parking lot striping.
- 3) Also, there is a new website layout for the school district. It can be found at:
<http://www.wrightcity.k12.mo.us/>

Wentzville School District: Pam Frazier

- 1) Holt Symphonic band performed. Honor to be selected and performed.
- 2) Colby Smith w/wrestling set school record for most wins (174).
- 3) 3 elementary school additions should be completed early.
- 4) Bids underway for construction of 2 new elementary schools.

Old Business:

- 1) Foristell Facebook page is in progress. Michelle Smith has set the chamber up with a new email address, with access to Google Drive where we can electronically store chamber documents. New chamber email will be: foristellmochamber@gmail.com and this email will be updated with the Foristell chamber's website.

New Business:

- 1) Since there were several visitors to this month's chamber meeting, we took a few minutes to introduce ourselves to each other. Visitors had the opportunity to briefly communicate what their business is and what they do.
- 2) Ken Orf recommended that the April speaker be Jim Killion with Security Systems.
- 3) Updating the chamber website will be a work in progress.

Guest Speaker: Dawn Hickman, Wright City School District, IT

- 1) Dawn works with IT and technology integration with the school district.
- 2) WCSD identified IT and computing as a relevant need. The goal is to have 1-to-1 computer student ratio. They will utilize Chromebooks in high school and over time filter the use of technology down other grades.
- 3) Her job is to help the teachers be ready to integrate this technology with their teaching style and with students.
- 4) Tech is a tool to help teach, not replace teaching. There will still be textbooks as well as tablets.
- 5) STEM is a popular program right now rolling out in high schools. Students begin learning how to program, code and work with websites.
- 6) Project Lead The Way (PLTW) works with schools and businesses and connects students with real-world scenarios to see how this relates and incorporates into the workforce.
- 7) Teachers take a 4 week class to learn how to integrate this style of teaching into the classroom.
- 8) NICS or Mastercard may be good contacts to find volunteers to help this program grow and connect students and employers.

Announcements:

- 1) Vision Leadership St Charles County, John Glenn. This is a 9 month program to train individuals to be involved in their communities. They are recruiting for the next class of students who want to learn more about leadership. Graduation in March of 24 leadership students. \$750 to attend. www.visionleadership.org. There are scholarships for small businesses to help offset fees.
- 2) Habitat for Humanity, Lori Kehoe: Selection is underway for those who might qualify to obtain a Habitat home.
- 3) Wentzville Christian church has spring musical, "Beauty and the Beast". Auditions set for Feb 14, 15. Musical dates are May 6, 7, 8 for the performances. Performances are free to attend.
- 4) Costco is offering coupons and discounts. Fliers are on the table.
- 5) March meeting we will raffle off \$50 gift certificate to ReStore to meeting attendees.
- 6) Next month's president: Melissa Porlier.
- 7) 50/50 drawing: Lori Kehoe

Meeting Attendees this month:

Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ

Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising

Dawn Hickman, WCSD

Steve Brent, Drymaster Carpets

Gayle Stelzer, Cuivre River Electric Coop.

John D Pickering, City of Foristell

Tracee White, Habitat for Humanity

Ken Orf, Foristell Storage

Nancy Hance, First State Community Bank

Pam Wiss, The Missouri Bank

Jack Sanford, WCSD

Linda Brent, Fastlane

John Glenn, St Charles Vision Leadership

Pam Frazier, Wentzville School District

Lori Kehoe, Habitat for Humanity

Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco

Sandy stokes, City of Foristell

Jackie Stewart, Warren County Ambulance District

Submitted by Aaron Baker, 2/3/16