

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on May 3rd, 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 April were approved as stated.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Account balance as of May 3rd, 2016 was \$4,301.56, which includes \$1,341.00 in scholarship funds.
- 2) Treasurer's report from April was approved as stated.

Foristell City Report: Sandy Stokes, City Administrator

- 1) April elections are now over. 1 cent tax was approved.
- 2) Dollar General is interested in property, but final price was an issue dissuading a purchase. DG is still looking for land in Foristell, so that is positive.
- 3) Mark Meyerhoff was elected as Alderman; John Pickering was also re-elected.
- 4) Some of the McBride land near post office was sold.

Wright City School District: Jack Buck, Superintendent

- 1) School ends next week. Scholarships awarded on May 16th.
- 2) May 12th, community advisory team. Results of phone survey will be disclosed regarding the school district.
- 3) Summer school begins May 31st; free breakfast and free lunch provided.

Wentzville School District: Info from Pam Frazier, presented by Aaron Baker

- 1) WSD received a grant for \$48,070 from Mastercard. The grant will fund a new K-5 coding curriculum and computers to support it, computer science and cybersecurity curriculum, and support the District's existing International Telementor program and Girls Who Code clubs.
- 2) Liberty Math Teacher Constance Hallemeier was surprised on April 28th with a check for nearly \$5,000 to purchase technology for her classroom. Hallemeier was one of only 12 recipients in Missouri to receive a 2016 CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation Teachers and Technology grant. The award is designed to help fund projects that advance student success through the innovative use of technology.
- 3) Timberland High School junior Kacie Francois has been selected as a winner in the Cuivre River Electric Cooperative's 48th Annual Youth Tour Competition. Kacie and THS junior Richard Schneider were both honored at a reception on April 20th for having been selected as two of 12 finalists out of over 300 entrants from 22 area high schools in the annual contest that begins with an essay submission. She will go on a trip to Washington D.C. this summer.

- 4) Three students from Timberland High School and two students from Holt High School have been selected to participate in the 2016 Missouri Fine Arts Academy (MFAA), a three week residential program to be held June 5 through 25 on the campus of Missouri State University (MSU).
- 5) Six WSD juniors have been selected to participate in the Missouri Scholars Academy (MSA), a three week residential program to be held June 12 through July 2 on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia.
- 6) Construction has begun on the new elementary school located at Hwy. Z and Perry Cate.

Old Business:

- 1) Foristell chamber Facebook page & Website
 - a. Chamber Facebook page has been created, but is a work in progress.
- 2) Scholarship
 - b. There will be 2 scholarships this year, an \$800 and \$500.
 - c. Scholarships were awarded to Eric Fritsche (Timberland) and William Rackers (Holt). Awards ceremony is tonight (5/3).

New Business:

- 1) Operation Backpack request
 - a. Chamber donated \$150 to operation backpack program to sponsor their 5k event.
 - b. The event for May has been cancelled, but should be rescheduled for September
 - c. Motion made and passed to have the check returned, but that we would be a sponsor when the event is held in September.

Guest Speaker: Lori Kehoe, Habitat for Humanity

- 1) Habitat homeowner experience video shown.
- 2) Today is Give STL encouraging people to give to STL non-profits
- 3) Habitat Homes are awarded to families with no-interest mortgages. These are 30 year mortgages that must be paid back. Habitat homeowners must meet income guidelines, home visits, able to pay the mortgage.
- 4) Lori manages the ReStore location in St Charles. The store raises money to cover overhead costs and build homes. Habitat is seeking goods for donations, such as toilets, sinks, clothes, etc.
- 5) Raising funds and coordinating volunteers is critical to daily operations. Volunteers build Wed, Fri and Sat (8-4) at various locations.
- 6) Women build is a new thing, but encourages women to get involved in donating time and effort to help build homes. Restore had a record month in January, March, and April.
- 7) Homeowners have a family advocate assigned to them for 18 months to help them navigate the obstacles of home ownership. Owners must live in those homes for a certain period of time.
- 8) Habitat website shows upcoming builds, dates, times, etc.
- 9) Donate STL can accept donations, or thru FB page.
- 10) Warren County does not have a Habitat for Humanity presence.

Announcements:

- 1) WCSD school board received an award for teaching, learning, etc.
- 2) Teacher appreciation is this week.
- 3) Wildcat golf scramble is upcoming; please help the Wright City boosters.
- 4) President for June and rest of 2016 will be Melissa Porlier.
- 5) 50/50 drawing winner: Aaron Baker. Money donated to scholarship fund.

Meeting Attendees this month:

Jack Sanford, WCSD

Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ

Pam Wiss, The Missouri Bank

Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco

Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising

Jim Kilman, Next Gen Security

Linda Brent, Fastlane

Matt Jaspering, Alliance Water Resources

Michelle Smith, ReMax Edge

Fran Hawkins, Fastlane

Pam Frazier, Wentzville School District

David Buck, WCSD

Jackie Stewart, Warren County Ambulance District

Submitted by Aaron Baker, 5/9/16