

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Board Members 2017: Marvin R, Peggy A, Pam F

Officers: Pres – Pam F, VP – Marvin R, Treasurer – Pam W, Secretary – Aaron B

Tuesday, June 6th, 2017

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on June 6th, 2017. Marvin Rodenbaugh called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack Chemin led the prayer to open our meeting.

Guests: Bryan Spencer (+1); Mary McHugh

Minutes: Meeting minutes from May were approved as stated.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Wiss

1. Account balance as of June 6th 2017 was \$3,965.76. \$771.91 of that are the scholarship funds.
2. Treasurer's report from May was approved as stated.

Foristell city report: Mary McHugh

1. Spectrum charter is installing cable down Hwy T. By mid July it will go south past the City Hall.
2. Providence estates is looking for final approval for 31 homes near the school by Cotton Rd.
3. W of Meyer Rd on hwy W is looking at new building construction.
4. New Police officer: Derek Charbineaux
5. New Company looking to come in from Wentzville
6. Select Trucks is going to undergo construction and changes at that location. They will sell and service semi-trucks.
7. 5 new homes approved for construction since first of the year.
8. Hwy T will be undergoing widening in May 2019.

Wright city school district: Jack Sanford

1. New phone system being installed
2. Last day of school 17th of May.
3. Summer school is in full swing.
4. Special Olympics event at Wright City schools had over 1,000 people attending.

Wentzville School District: Pam Frazier

1. Summer school programs are off and running.
2. Timberland drama program performed at the Fox theatre
3. Frontier middle school teacher, Shannon Shulte received teaching award.
4. Liberty HS had first graduate since that HS has been built, so that was exciting.
5. 2 new schools under construction are on schedule and will open in the fall.

Old Business:

1. Raffle Basket
 - a. Still planning to have raffle basket in July
 - b. Christmas mailer planned for later in the year, and another basket of items.
2. Website / FB updates
 - a. Businesses are encouraged to get their logos to Heather Cushing to link FB pages.
 - b. Website needs to be updated

New Business:

1. Foristell has a new Mayor, Joe Goatley

- a. There is a letter from the Mayor which can be read online at cityofforistell.org
- b. Scott May is Foristell Ward 1 Alderman

Guest Speaker: Bryan Spencer, House of Representatives

1. Announcements:
 - a. June 15th, Uncorked (Wentzville) will have 3 candidates for Speaker of the House will be present to answer questions.
 - b. Warren County national night out Aug 1st at Diekroger park in Wright City will be present. They will set up a carnival type event. Attendees will be able to give out info.
 - c. Red, Wright and Blue rescheduled from flooding in April. Now scheduled for August 19th. Funds will be used to buy a dog for Wright City PD. Free event at Cedar Lakes winery. 10am – 4pm. Free event, with vendors.
2. State legislature updates:
 - a. Budget
 - i. Missouri grew, but expenditures have grown 8-9 times more than our actual growth.
 - ii. MODOT – Budget amendment made to suggest no money could be used for the purpose of toll roads. Last 7 years has seen 22 million dollars for environmental studies, now \$3 more are requested by MODOT.
 1. Businesses do not want to open up more factories if toll roads go in. Many companies want to come in, but don't want toll roads.
 2. Est cost from Wentz to Columbia = \$28 one way.
 3. Companies that want the toll roads: Belgium, Australia, etc. Why do we lease our hwy to foreign companies?
 4. Modot budget is \$0 by governor
 5. Modot plan is to connect N and S point prairie through Goodfellow and Shaper Rd. This is paid for by the city.
 - b. Education & social services
 - i. Budgets have taken a hit.
 - ii. There are many projects and programs that are a function of government.
 - iii. Some of the programs removed: music programs for jrs and seniors for 3-week band camp...paid for by government.
 - iv. Social services may help pay for assisted living if someone reaches 21 points, but other loopholes were closed.
 - v. Education budget is balanced, but expenditures are creeping higher.
 - c. Welfare programs (social services) – take up 35% of the state budget
 - d. Special session called by governor due to metal smelting factory in Cape Girardeau. Noranda lost 900 workers when factory closed, this factory will provide jobs. Vote called to sell power at bulk rate to new potential factory.

Announcements:

1. No meeting in July; August president – Melissa P.
2. Wentzville Christian Church music production is upcoming. Topic: The Lion King; June 7-10.
3. June 15-17th VBS at Westplex. Shiloh UMC VBS July 10-14 6-8:15pm
4. Costco is having great sales on tires.
5. 50/50 winner: Mary McHugh winner, funds donated to scholarship.

Attendees:

Peggy Alexander, Shiloh UMC

Pam Wiss, The Missouri Bank

Aaron Baker, Foristell Church of Christ

Bryan Spencer, House of Representatives

Mike Kelly, Westplex food pantry

Gayle Stelzer, Cuivre River

Jack Chemin, Westplex Community Church

Pam Frazier, Wentzville School District

Nancy Hance, FSCB

John Pickering, City of Foristell

Matt Jaspering, Alliance Water

Jack Sanford, WCSD

Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco

Mary McHugh, City of Foristell