

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on September 6th, 2016. Melissa called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron led a prayer to open our meeting.

Minutes: Meeting minutes from August were approved as stated.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Hance, sitting in for Pam Wiss as treasurer

1. Account balance as of September 6th, 2016 was \$2,743.72, which includes \$64 in scholarship funds.
2. Treasurer's report from August was approved as stated.

Foristell City Report: Sandy Stokes

1. Recent storms caused some damage to the Foristell park. Repairs are underway.
2. Dollar general is looking at property on Hwy T.
3. Land interest remains high in Foristell, so that is encouraging.

Wright City School District: David Buck

1. 5k is planned
2. Sunday (11th) area churches are gathering in Wright City for 15th prayer anniversary of 9/11.
3. Lunch buddy program is underway.
4. Care to learn is helping with health and hygiene awareness. Raising funds for that event on Oct 15th.
5. November ballot will include a tax levy be voted on. Wright City needs to be competitive and keep their good teachers. Record number for enrollment this school year.

Wentzville School District: Pam Frazier

1. Wentzville teacher Katharine Schack won the Presidential teaching award.
2. Bond refinancing will save the school district over \$3m in interest over the next 15 years.
3. School district boundaries are changing. Families need to keep up to date with boundaries and be aware of changes.

Old Business

1. Foristell city did discuss hosting a Christmas party, but that is cancelled for now.
 - a. Opportunities could include toy drive for nearby counties with underprivileged kids
 - b. Melissa will reach out to area children's coordinators to seek info for this in December

New Business

1. None at this time

Speaker: KJ Spurlock, Command Solutions

1. Provide emergency management for businesses and organizations.
2. 40 – 60% of businesses will fail after a crisis.
3. CS helps prepare business to face catastrophic events and come out on the winning side.
4. An action plan is something you can test and see how you will come out with a preparedness plan.
5. It helps to have people removed from the business spot mistakes and identify holes in plans to make it more effective. They can test and evaluate current plans, as well as create new plans.
6. Testing your emergency response plan (handout)
 - a. Plans need to be written and tested once a year, if you have more than 3 employees
 - b. KJ provides workshops for preparedness. IE – if a school had a fire, how would you re-unify parents with their kids?
 - c. Tabletop scenarios can help run a situation as IF a shooter / fire/ severe situation happened.
 - d. They help coordinate multi-functional site situations and evaluate responses and provide feedback.
 - e. Typically takes 3 months to create a plan.
 - f. It is good to test a crisis communication plan IE – bus crash.
 - g. In case of emergency, you need to have a contract in place for services, like a Restoration company after a fire. Set a timeframe to follow sessions and contracts and process the info so that the results, guidelines, and practices are ready.
7. Everyone needs an emergency plan, and know it is going to work.
8. KJ does seminars, situation awareness, action plans; leadership training during a crisis.

Announcements:

1. Food truck frolic on SCC campus in October
2. Convention center will host a remodel event in October
3. Warren County is raising funds for a bronze statue near the County building; \$20 for a sponsorship.

Attendees:

Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ
Peg Alexander, Shiloh UMC
Gayle Stelzer, Cuivre River
Nancy Hance, FSCB
Christiane Batjer, Shiloh UMC
Sandra Stokes, City of Foristell
Heather Cushing, Right at Home
Jackie Stewart, WCAD

Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco
Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising
Pam Frazier, Wentzville School District
David Buck, Wright City School District
John D Pickering, City of Foristell
Kurt Daniels, Cochran Engineering
KJ Spurlock, Command Solutions