

# Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Melissa Porlier called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack (Westplex Community Church) led the prayer to open our meeting.

**Minutes:** Meeting minutes from September were approved as stated.

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

1. Account balance as of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 was \$2,431.60, which includes \$76 in scholarship funds.
2. Treasurer's report from September was approved as stated.

**Foristell City Report:** Sandy Stokes

1. Park improvements underway. Land has been donated to add to the park.
2. Dollar General continues to look for property in Foristell area, but nothing has moved yet.
3. Property N of Vision Christian church has sold, but the buyers are unknown.

**Wright City School District:** Dave Buck

1. Oct 12<sup>th</sup> last day to vote.
2. Oct 15<sup>th</sup> care to learn event; raises funds for kids with learning disabilities
3. Oct 24<sup>th</sup> town hall to discuss tax levy increase.
4. Oct 27<sup>th</sup> is pumpkin carving night event for families.
5. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> ballot issue to raise pay for teachers to be competitive.

**Wentzville School District:** Pam Frazier

1. 1 student from Holt HS was a finalist from National Merit Scholarship program.
2. 2 new principals: Melvin Bishop; Matt Shulte hired for new elementary schools being built
3. Boundary committee process underway.
4. Holt HS had first win in nearly 2 seasons.

**Old Business:**

1. Foristell Christmas Party and other event options
  - a. It was mentioned that we become involved with the Wentzville Child center and find out wish-list items to supply to kids. They service 17 counties.
  - b. They have a therapy dog to help comfort kids, so funds help continue this therapy.
  - c. Big donation event is to buy a "litter" to send these stuffed animals home with kids.
  - d. Wish-list items or "litters" are needed items we could help donations in addition to our scholarship basket.
2. We need to begin donating Christmas basket items. Michelle Smith will help coordinate that. Bring items to the November meeting or at the Foristell City.
3. Motion (Marvin R) to donate \$200 to buy supplies for Xmas basket. Motion seconded, and approved by majority vote.
4. Motion (Marvin R) to make \$100 donation for Wentzville child center "Puppies" litter. Motion seconded, and approved by majority vote.

**New Business:**

1. Election of officers and board members
  - a. Next month we'll discuss officers and board member terms and voting.
  - b. Will send out google form to nominate people for different positions.
2. Frank Eggering, Foristell Storage
  - a. Ken Orf passed away, and they appreciate the good attendance at the funeral, and the kind wishes.
  - b. Foristell storage will soon have a representative at the meetings. Frank will be attending until another takes his place to represent Foristell Storage.

**Guest Speaker:** Heather Cushing, Right at Home

1. Home health care is when a nurse may come take care of a loved one at their home, dispensing meds and overseeing general health.
2. Right at Home is where nurses can help people age at home, in place. They also provide in-home care to include meals, laundry, sheets, meds, whatever.
3. Only in home care in St Charles County to win Home Care awards.
4. Service can be from 1 hour to 24 hour care.
5. Hospice referrals are common. They specialize in dementia and Alzheimers care.
6. Nurses do the interviews to match the caregivers to the person in need. RAH is licensed, bonded and insured in case of injury to a care giver. Too often we rely on neighbors, but they may not be the best option in caring for a loved one.
7. There is no waiting list for care.

## Mike Kelly and Jack Simmons (Westplex Community Church)

1. They are re-opening the Foristell food pantry
2. Food pantry shut down Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. They had been helping in the last 4 years or so, and now are able to help to a greater extent.
3. Pantry will stay in its present location, at Veteran's Memorial Pkwy. Goal is to open by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Will operate 3-4 hours twice a week (maybe Tuesdays and Thursdays).
5. Possible to do chamber opening event. They will keep us posted with info. They also accept deer meat as long as it has been processed properly.

**Announcements:**

1. 50/50 winner: Peg Alexander. Money donated to scholarship program.
2. Costco does flu shots for people or businesses.
3. Mystery dinner theater upcoming; the play is *Alice in Zombie Land* (Marvin R & Allen Rone). Held at Andrews academy in Dardenne prairie.
4. Pumpkins galore gave 3,500 pumpkins away, so please support them.

**Attendees:**

Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ	Nancy Hance, First State Community Bank
Jack Sanford, WCSD	Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco
Peg Alexander, Shiloh UMC	Gayle Stelzer, Cuivre River
Frank Eggering, Foristell Storage	Pam Frazier, Wentzville R-IV
Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising	Michelle Smith, ReMax Edge
Sandy Stokes, City of Foristell	Jack Chemin, Westplex Comm. church
Mike Kelly, Wesplex Comm. Church	Dave Buck, WCSD