

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 6th, 2015

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on October 6th, 2015. Marvin Rodenbaugh called the meeting to order. Ralph Hellebusch led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Aaron Baker led the opening prayer.

Minutes: Meeting minutes from September were approved as stated

Treasurer's report:

- 1) Account balance as of October 1st was \$2,311.49.
- 2) Treasurer recently disbursed the \$800 Ray Alexander Scholarship to St Charles Community College on behalf of the recipient, Kama Mainieri.

Foristell City Report:

- 1) City is currently strategizing for 2016 budget.
- 2) A few inquiries have been made by companies for looking for land.
- 3) Foristell will not be having a holiday open house this year. Need to look at other ways to raise money for the gift basket that funds the Foristell chamber scholarship. City will still try to collect canned goods for charities or children's gift baskets.
- 4) Court reform has negatively impacted finances.
- 5) Trash service will be shifted from City to Resident financed.

Wright City School District: Jack Sanford, WCSD

- 1) Finishing up early childhood center. Dedication already happened.
- 2) Varsity sports doing well with winning records so far.

Wentzville School District: No report given this month

Old Business:

- 1) Gift baskets - do we want to sell tickets or entertain other ways to raise money to fund the annual scholarship? Formerly, Foristell city would send out invitations to Foristell residents and the holiday party was well attended in the past. At the holiday party tickets were sold for the basket donated by chamber members to fund the scholarship. With no holiday party this year, we need to be creative in raising funds for the scholarship.
- 2) It may be possible to display basket at Foristell city office, businesses can display pics and description of the basket to collect money for scholarship basket. It is recommended that the Christmas basket be put together by Nov 3rd so we can raise scholarship money.
- 3) Another idea was to sell tickets on Dec 5th at the Wright City Christmas event for the Foristell gift basket. Wright City normally has a basket to raffle off, but Jackie will approach Wright City Chamber about this idea. Possible for businesses or churches to display and sell tickets for the Foristell basket.

Guest: Todd Delaney, Club Fitness. Took 5 minutes to explain his business and invite chamber members to Club Fitness. Todd was invited to attend by Aaron Baker.

Guest Speaker: Jackie Stewart, Warren County Ambulance District

Tim Flake, Asst. Administrator with WCAD

Ralph, Administrator with WCAD

History:

- 1974 district formed by Warren county voters. By 1982 WCAD handled 562 calls per year. By 2006 calls reached over 2,700 calls. Daily operations by include nearly 3,500 calls a year with a fleet of 6 ambulances, 20 part-time employees with annual revenue budget of \$2.3m
- Tax increase as of Apr 2014 was successful to help fund future plans of growth, expansion, equipment replacement and upgrades, etc. WCAD has close to 50 employees now.

Accomplishments:

- WCAD has several awards for their service in 2015. Received 2 big grants 1) for personal protective gear and 2) to purchase power cots. Average staff tenure is 10.5 years.

Community involvement:

- Chamber members in Foristell, Wright City, Warrenton
- Standby service for sporting events, Fire Department calls.
- Lift assist for district residents.
- STARS program partner w/Cardinal Glennon.
- Explorer medical program for youth 14-21. Currently has over 20 students participating.
- CPR classes to the public

Announcements:

- 1) Promotional items on share table for those interested.
- 2) Western St Charles Chamber hosting Mystery Theatre dinner. Fliers were handed out and members encouraged to attend. Dates are Oct 23rd, 24th for the dinner.

50/50 drawing winner: Peg Alexander

Nov 3rd meeting president: Jackie Stewart

Meeting Attendees this month:

Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco

Aaron Baker, Foristell church of Christ

Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising

Jack Sanford, Wright City School District

Nancy Hance, First State Community Bank

Phil Reid, Westbound Real Estate

John Pickering, City of Foristell

Peggy Alexander, Shiloh UMC

Todd Delaney, Club Fitness (Wentzville)

Jackie Stewart, Warren County Ambulance District

Ralph Hellebusch, WCAD

Tim Flake, WCAD

Linda Brent, Fastlane

Sandy Stokes, City of Foristell

Christine Batjer, Shiloh United Methodist Church

Michelle Smith, ReMax Edge

Submitted by Aaron Baker 10/13/2015