

Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Board Members 2017: Marvin R, Melissa P, Peggy A, Jackie S, Pam F

Officers 2017: Pres – Monthly Volunteer; VP – Marvin R, Treasurer – Pam W, Secretary – Aaron B

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A restaurant in Foristell, MO on January 3rd, 2017. Melissa Porlier called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Kelly (Westplex Community Church) led the prayer to open our meeting.

Minutes: Meeting minutes from December were approved as stated.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Wiss

1. Account balance as of January 3rd, 2017 was \$2,958.32, which includes \$525 in dues paid for 2017.
2. Treasurer's report for January was approved as stated.

Foristell City Report: John Pickering

1. New residential homes are being built in Foristell including a 35-home development project which is moving forward.
2. A few new businesses have opened in Foristell including EVPP, T.S. Banze and a new business going in where Marlen Gas previously operated.
 - a. EVPP will also soon offer guns for purchase along with services to fix guns.

Wright City School District: Dave Buck

1. Reminder that Special Olympics track and field event will be hosted by Wright City on April 28th and they anticipate 800-1000 attendees.
2. Update from December 16th fog/ice emergency – several kids remained at schools after hours along with teachers as parents struggled to get to the kids in the traffic and also road conditions prohibited some cars from leaving the schools. West Meyer was the most challenging road for the elementary school.

Wentzville School District: Pam Frazier

1. No update as Pam F. was not able to attend.

Old Business:

1. The Christmas basket raffle raised \$270 for the scholarship fund plus additional ticket sales that were purchased at Fastlane and will soon be added to the total. Nancy Hance won the raffle.
2. Mike Kelly provided an update on the food pantry - since re-opening on November 17th, they are serving 62 families representing a total of 193 ppl.
3. Officer position of President for the chamber for 2017 will be served as a monthly volunteer position. Jackie Stewart will be the President for the February 2017 meeting.

New Business:

1. Heather Cushing suggested creating a Facebook page for the Foristell Chamber as a way to spread awareness for the chamber and its members.

Guest Speaker: Rob Yakel, Lockheed Martin for Ameren Missouri BizSavers Program

1. Ameren Missouri is working to create awareness for their BizSavers Program which provides energy efficiency incentives to encourage the installation of new more efficient equipment in local businesses including lighting and HVAC. Does not include external lighting unless the lighting is on a 24/7 cycle.

2. Rebates are offered as an incentive for businesses to reduce their usage, which is a much cheaper route for the energy company to pursue, rather than build additional stations to handle the demand on utilities.
3. The program is mainly geared towards small business with a 2M rate, called their Small Business Direct Install (SBDI) Program.
4. If interested, you can contract Ameren (or Rob can assist) with putting you in touch with a trade ally who will come to your business and perform an audit on what rebate opportunities are available for you.
5. If your business is a tenant leasing space, you can still submit the rebate for any upgrades you do to the space you lease.
6. Once you perform the updates, Ameren and the trade allies can assist with the paperwork to submit for the rebate.
7. Julie Feast with Ameren is also a good contact if you need assistance.
8. Ameren needs to be 20% renewable energy by a certain date and these incentive programs are much less expensive than building add'l infrastructure.

Announcements:

1. 50/50 winner: Marvin Rodenbaugh.
2. Wentzville Christian Church is having open auditions over President's Day weekend for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Go to wentzvillecc.org for more details.
3. January 17th is the close of the Wright City School Board filing and close of the City of Foristell elected officials filing.
4. Heather Cushing introduced her guest, Tom Shaw with Tom Shaw Realtors.

Attendees:

Nancy Hance, First State Community Bank
Jack Sanford, WCSD
Peg Alexander, Shiloh UMC
John Pickering, City of Foristell
Mike Kelly, Wesplex Comm. Church
Heather Cushing, Right At Home
Jackie Stewart, Warren County Ambulance

Tom Shaw, Shaw Realtors
Marvin Rodenbaugh, Costco
Melissa Porlier, Porlier Outdoor Advertising
Pam Wiss, The MO Bank
Dave Buck, WCSD
Rob Yakel, Ameren Missouri