

Foristell Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2013

The Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at Porlier Outdoor Advertising in Foristell, Missouri on Tuesday, February 5th. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Van Dillen. Ray Alexander led us in prayer. Introductions were made by the following members present: Mark Van Dillen, Charlene Twiehaus, Nancy Hance, Michelle Smith, Sandra Stokes, Chris Gaines, Kari Monsees, Ray and Peggy Alexander, Jack Sanford, John Pickering, Laura McLane, Allen Rone, Jackie Stewart, Ken Orf, Rachel Merz, Tim Hooton, Matt Boyer, Casey Boyer, Kevin Dalton, Phil Reid, Tim Hooton and Angie Maue.

Minutes Meeting minutes from January were emailed for approval to all members prior to meeting. Jackie Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes and Ray Alexander seconded. Therefore, minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report Nancy Hance reported that the chamber general account presently has a balance of \$3,716.42. The account balance includes \$451.00 in scholarship funds. Treasurer's report approved and motion seconded.

City Report City Administrator, Sandy Stokes was our speaker of the month. Please see below.

Wentzville School District Kari Monsees reported that the Liberty High School construction is going well. So far 445 students are enrolled at Liberty High School for next year and there will be a parent night for the new students. Six students will be attending Missouri Fine Arts Academy. Jennifer Gorton was awarded Teacher of the Year. The district is currently working on the budget for next school year.

Wright City School District Chris Gaines reported that Homecoming is Saturday night. There is a chili supper Friday evening. The art students are making special bowls for the chili dinner.

Speaker Foristell City Administrator, Sandy Stokes was the guest speaker. She spoke on the changes and progress of the City of Foristell in the past year.

She reported that Foristell is a fourth class city with a population of 505 people. The City of Foristell has 12 full-time employees, including seven police officers.

In 2012, the city has been working on a project with the PWD#2 involving a waste water facilitator and lagoon near the school. The City has met DNR & EPA standards. This project is funded by a \$1.7 sewer bond issue. There is a 3-acre lot accessed from Dietrich Rd to the lagoon property.

Last year the Foristell police department had 1,380 incidents including 5 burglaries, 111 crashes, 106 DUIs, 60 drug arrests, and 180 revoked or suspended licenses. The traffic tickets included 4 tickets going over speed limit from 6-9 miles per hour, 683 over 10-15 miles per hour, 362 over 16-20 miles per hour.

The city has also negotiated with Grace Hauling for waste and recycling contracts for the residents. Foristell currently has a contract with St Charles County Road District and are trying to contract with Warren County to get necessary materials such as salt cheaper.

Old Business Angie Maue from Tracker Designs asked all of the chamber members to check their business information on the Foristell Chamber site and make sure that it has the link to their own websites.

New Business Matt Boyer stated that if we need a secondary location for chamber meetings, we can use his business location for that purpose as he has plenty of room there as well.

Announcements Chris Gaines mentioned that the Wright City “Robot Kids” are going to state as they have won the regional competition. Peg Alexander said that Ash Wednesday, February 13th Shiloh UCC is sponsoring a soup dinner at 6pm followed by worship service at 7pm. Jackie Stewart stated that she is selling her equipment from Interstate Subs if anyone is interested please contact her.

Next Meeting The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5th at Porlier Outdoor Advertising. Chris Robinson will be our speaker.

Jackie Stewart won the 50/50 Raffle. Matt boyer won the Featured Business.

Meeting for February was set for Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

Motion for adjournment at 12:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Charlene Twiehaus, Chamber Secretary