

Foristell Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2013

The Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at Porlier Outdoor Advertising in Foristell, Missouri on November 1, 2013. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Van Dillen. The following members were present: Mark Van Dillen, Nancy Hance, Pam Wiss, Sandy Stokes, Laura McLane, Shannon Smart, Peg Alexander, Ray Alexander, Jackie Stewart, Chris Gaines, Jack Sanford, Michelle Smith, Kurt Daniels, John Pickering, Richard Paton, John Eberhardt, and Phil Reid.

Minutes Meeting minutes from October were read and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report Nancy Hance reported that the account balance as of November 5th was \$3,064.21. Treasurer's report was approved.

City Report Sandy Stokes stated that we need donations for the food pantry, toys for tots, and senior citizens gifts. She made a request to the Chamber to donate \$200.00 for the Foristell Open House. She told members about the event to be held on Friday, December the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Wright City School District Chris Gaines reported that the school district had a low attendance after Halloween. Flu shots were given, but the faculty has suffered more illness than the students. Things are very quiet now as most of the fall sports are over. He spoke of the partnership with employers and Summit Tech School in Lee Summit and Metro Community College to offer almost free internships to students on a 4-year tech degree which they can start in their junior year of high school.

Wentzville School District Pam Frazier was not present. No report this month.

Guest Speaker Carissa Figgins from "The Sparrow's Nest Maternity Home" was the guest speaker. This facility is not open yet. They have a home, but the home has not passed all of the fire code at this time. It will be a home for 14-18 year old pregnant teens that have nowhere to live. They can live there from pregnancy up to one year after giving birth. They will provide aftercare to them for up to ten years as long as they continue their education and go to church. They will provide adoption services if the teens want to give up their baby but the average is only 4% that actually use adoption as an option. The home has been in business for three years in St. Charles County but hopes to start serving Warren County later.

They need donations, a passenger van and anything else to help out the mothers and babies. They currently have 11 churches funding them, and do four fundraisers a year. They also need volunteers.

Old Business Reminder: bring in donations for the gift basket to the next meeting. These items can be dropped off with Shannon at Porlier or to Michelle Smith.

New Business Chamber needs to appoint and accept nominations for Vice-President (possibly Aaron Baker or Chris Gaines). The new president (Phil Reid) will take over in January. Jackie Stewart will be a new board member and Ray Alexander volunteered to take back over the secretary position.

Announcements Tickets were given out to sell for the gift basket to pay for the scholarship for next year. Tickets are \$1.00 for one and six for \$5.00. Jackie Stewart brought up The Bright Futures USA. The organization meets the needs of children in the school districts.

Next Meeting Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Meeting Adjourned 1:05PM