

## **Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes-October 7, 2014**

The Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at the T/A Travel Center in Foristell, MO on October 7, 2014. President Phil Reid called the meeting to order 11:45 am with the following people present: Peggy Alexander, Ray Alexander, Aaron Baker, Christiane Batjer, Pam Frazier, Chris Gaines, Nancy Hance, John Pickering, Phil Reid, Marvin Rodenbaugh, Jack Sanford, Sandy Stokes, and Mark Van Dillen

Guests: Matt Jaspering, Alliance Water Resources and Flavia Everman, Warren County Fine Arts Council

Marvin Rodenbaugh let the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the Invocation.

**Minutes:** Meeting minutes from September 2, 2014 were approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Hance reported that the account balance as of October 7, 2014 is \$2,493.28. Treasurer's report was approved

**City Report:** Sandy Stokes reported that the new Foristell City Park is open to the public to use. The gates have to be closed to vehicle traffic because hunters have been driving on the walking trails. Sandy also reported that Our Shepherd Food Pantry will be providing food for Thanksgiving Dinners and are asking for donations, either cash or food items. Our Shepherd's Food Pantry is an outreach ministry of the Foristell Christian Church.

**Wright City School District:** District Superintendent Chris Gaines that there was a school bus collision at Stracks Church Road and the Highway 70 Service Road. No serious injuries. There will be an open house held on October 22 to celebrate 25 years of the Elementary School on Bell Road being opened. There will be two amendments to the State Constitution on the November 4 ballot. There will be a ground breaking held this afternoon for an "Early Children's Center" on Bell Road next to the Open Hearts Church. They are working on how to make the new center cost free. There may have to be a tax levy on the April 2015 Ballot.

**Wentzville School District:** Pam Frazier reported that the school district has been awarded three National Scholarships. There are three new elementary schools needed and in addition improvement on three existing schools

**Speaker:** Our speaker today was Flavia Everman. She is formerly the Director of the Warren County Fine Arts Council, but has been involved with various trips to Rwanda to learn the history of the country and get the names of natives that tell the stories, so she can include them in a book he is going to write. She is leaving in two months to teach four art camps. She needs 300 people to donate \$10 each to finance her trip.

**New Business:** We discussed election of officers for next year. Secretary Ray passed out a list of officers and the responsibilities of each job. Chris Gaines in in line for President, Nancy Hance said that she does not want to take the treasurer's job again. Ray Alexander said he would prefer not to take secretary again, but would do so if no one else would take the job. There are four director spots that could be filled by new people or continue to be held by the current directors who are: Jack Sanford, Rich Paton, Marvin Rodenbaugh and Michelle Smith. Mark Van Dillen is on the Board as Past President and will be replaced by Phil Reed. It was suggested that Pam Wiss be contacted about being Treasurer, since she is in the banking business with The Missouri Bank.

There are a couple of businesses in Foristell that should be contacted: MFR Tire Company and USXL Trucking Company in the old Porlier Building.

**Announcements:** Sandy stokes announced that the Foristell Holiday Party will be held on December 12 at City Hall at 6:00 pm. Pastor Christiane Batjer from Shiloh UMC announced the United Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 – 10:00 am. The cost is \$6.00. The United Methodist Women will be having a Craft/Bake Sale the same day from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Shiloh will also host a "Trunk & Treat" event on Friday, October 24 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This is a no charge event open to the community. They will be serving hot dogs, mac & cheese, apples, chips and drinks.

50/50 drawing was \$3.00 won by Sandy Stokes. She donated the money to Flavia Everman for her trip. There were other members that donated funds to Flavia.

Next meeting Tuesday, November 4 at T/A. Choice of Soup & Salad Bar only or 3 pieces of chicken with one side and Soup & Salad Bar.

Next meeting is Tuesday October 7 at T/A Travel Center

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Alexander, Secretary