

## Foristell Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2014

The Foristell Chamber of Commerce met at Porlier Outdoor Advertising in Foristell, MO on April 1, 2014. President Phil Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Rev. Aaron Baker gave the invocation. President Phil Reid called the meeting to order.

Introductions were made around the table by members present: Peggy Alexander, Ray Alexander, Rev. Aaron Baker, Rev. Christiane Batjer, James Booth, Rev. Hal brown, Kurt Daniels, Frank Eggering, Chris Gaines, Tony Gironde, Nancy Hance, Laura McLane, Tammy Miller, Bob Onder, Ken Orf, John Pickering, Phil Reid, Marvin Rodenbaugh, Jack Sanford, Shannon Smart, Jackie Stewart, Sandy Stokes, Mark Van Dillen, Cullen Williams, and Pam Wiss.

Guests: Christy Walton – American Bank

**Minutes:** Meeting minutes from March 4, 2014 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Hance reported that the account balance as of April 1, 2014 is \$3,735.37. Treasurer's report was approved.

The Members approved a \$250.00 donation to The Warren County Economic Development Council as a Silver Level Contributor for 2014. Approved the donation of \$800.00 for the Scholarship Fund. We have received a request from Vision St. Charles for a \$300.00 donation. Several years ago we supported them, but have not done so recently. Phil Reid said he would check to see if the \$300.00 is the fee for sending someone to take the course and what it entails.

**City Report:** Sandy Stokes reported that the City is working on the City Park with the assistance of our member Kurt Daniels from Cochran Engineering. They hope to have it open this summer. Sandy said that the Chamber can use the rear area of City Hall for our meetings except on Election Day as it is a Polling Place.

**Wright City School District:** District Superintendent Chris Gaines reported that Spring Sports are in full force. School Board Members are to be elected at the April 8 Election. There have been thirteen snow days this winter. May 30 is the last day of school. Chris has been elected to a three year term on the Executive Committee of AASA which is the leading national organization for superintendents. This organization is dedicated to improving the quality of public schools and supporting superintendents and emerging educational leaders throughout the country. Congratulation Chris.

**Wentzville School District:** No report this month. No representative present.

**Speaker:** Our speaker today was Dr. Robert Onder who gave an interesting and educational talk. He is a new member of the Chamber. He gave us information on his background. He was raised in Affton and attended St Louis University High School and Washington University Medical School where he received his Medical Degree. He owns and operates Allergy and Asthma Consultants. He was elected State Representative in 2006 covering the western portion of St. Charles County. He was not re-elected to that position and returned full time to his practice. He is now running for State Senator in pretty much the same area that he represented as State Representative, which means that he would be the Senator representing Foristell, if elected. He is very optimistic about the growth of Missouri that ranks forty-seventh out of fifty states in real growth. He will work to reduce taxes in Missouri and regulations on businesses as well as health care revision.

**Old Business:** Where to meet in the future? The Board Members will go by City Hall following today's meeting to see if it will work out as a good place for us to meet.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:**

Phil Reid passed out flyers and announced that the Warrenton Rotary Club will hold a Rotary Auction Derby on Saturday April 12 at the Warrenton Elks Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. Funds to support local rotary scholars and charities.

Marvin Rodenbaugh passed out cards and announced that the Wentzville Christian Church will present The Music Man Musical on Friday evening May 2 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday May 3 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The fifty-fifty drawing was won by

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6, 2014. Location to be announced. The Speaker will be Trevor Rees, Information Business Manager from the St Charles City-County Library District

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Alexander, Secretary