

Marion County Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 15, 2017

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Western Sizzlin at noon on June 15, 2017. Board members in attendance were President Jamie Lawson, Vice President Joyce Burkhalter, and board members Kathie Tierney, Patrick O'Hagan, Patty Henry, Nick Holcomb and Vickie Messer.

Others in attendance were Alyssandra Grizenko with Greesteps, Marion County Mayor David Jackson, Kimball Mayor Rex Pesnell, Sheila Grider and Jerry White representing Litter Grant Program in Marion County, Sonya McShan with Erlanger Health System, South Pittsburg Mayor Virgil Holder, South Pittsburg City Administrator Gene Vess, Wendy Barrett with N2 Publishing, Terry Kerlin with 1st Choice Storage, Mickey Rose with Shellmound Campground, Christine Hunt with Tennessee Aquarium, Keisha Durham and Katie Mann with Platinum Recruiting, Art Rask with MWK Advisory Services, Charles and Joanne Smith, Kacie Howard, Bob Coats, and Andrew Lawrence with Colonial Chemical, Tina Green with City of Whitwell, Aricia Gallaher, with Chambliss Law Firm, Melissa Kertesz with Parkridge West, Laura Williams and Mike McClanahan with TDOT's Litter Grant and Beautification Programs, and Judy Blevins, administrative assistant for the chamber.

President Jamie Lawson called the meeting to order, recognizing guests and members in attendance.

A motion was made by Vickie Messer and seconded by Nick Holcomb to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2017 board meeting. Motion was carried without dissent. A copy of the minutes is on file in the chamber office.

Financial Report:

Judy Blevins presented the "Income and Expense Report" for the month of May 2017, "Income and Expense Report" from beginning of fiscal year through the end of May 2017, and "Account Balances Report" as of June 14, 2017. Copies were distributed to all present and are on file with the minutes. Motion was made by Patty Henry and seconded by Kathie Tierney to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion was carried without dissent.

Old Business:

A. Chamber Website Revision

President Lawson stated that the chamber's website revision will be going live soon. There are just a few loose ends to tie up with WinWorld. The website can still be viewed in development. When it goes live, notification will be sent via email.

B. 2017 Annual Banquet

President Lawson announced the date for the banquet to be Thursday, August 17th. The banquet committee has met twice and will be finalizing venue and program soon. When confirmed, an email will be sent through the chamber's distribution list.

A motion was made by Kathie Tierney and seconded by Patty Henry to authorize the banquet committee to have an expense budget not to exceed \$7,000. This amount was based on real expenses for the last two banquets. Net income and expenses will be determined by ticket sales minus expenses. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Anti-Litter Campaign

Anti-litter campaign is in full swing. A list of activities completed and projected was attached to today's agenda packet and is on file with the minutes.

The chamber is accepting applications for litter prevention grants through June 30, 2017. See minutes from April 20, 2017 board meeting for grant details.

New Business:

There was no new business to come before the board.

Speaker:

Laura Williams, Environmental Programs Outreach Coordinator for the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Highway Beautification Office and Statewide Coordinator for the Adopt-A-Highway Program, addressed the chamber and shared a powerpoint presentation regarding the statewide launch of a new litter prevention initiative, "Nobody Trashes Tennessee". For more information about the "Nobody Trashes Tennessee" campaign and to view the first Public Service Announcement, visit: www.nobodytrashestennessee.com. You can also visit them on facebook and twitter. A copy of the powerpoint presentation is available through the chamber office. Contact Judy if you would like a copy.

Mayors' Reports:

Marion County Mayor David Jackson

Currently, litter pick-up on county roads is being done 25 hrs. per week. This is through the litter grant program. Mayor Jackson has requested the county commission increase that to 50 hrs. per week which is pending final budget approval today. In addition to pick-up on county roads, the Marion County Sheriff's Department has a contract through TDOT to pick up litter on state roads in the county three times a year.

Mayor Jackson invites everyone to attend the groundbreaking for the new building at Chattanooga State Kimball Site on June 16th at 1:00 PM CDT. This second building will house advanced manufacturing classes (welding, industrial maintenance, etc.) in order to build skilled workforce needed in our manufacturing sector.

This fall a new program will begin for high school junior and senior students interested in industrial maintenance and engineering. Upon completion of the two-year course, students will graduate with a high school diploma and a 2-yr certificate or they can transfer credits to UTC's engineering department.

Mayor Jackson introduced a guest, Alyssa Sutton, with Greensteps Chattanooga. Greensteps is a community focused initiative that incentivizes the act of picking up and throwing away litter around popular trails, crags, parks and neighborhoods in and around Chattanooga. There is a clean-up event scheduled for a portion of Suck Creek Mountain scheduled for June 25th. See Greensteps website for additional information.

City of Whitwell City Recorder Tina Green

Whitwell sidewalk project first phase should be completed this summer. Concrete is being poured today for Miner's Memorial Park and statue. The Amber Slatton Memorial Rodeo is scheduled for June 23rd and 24th at Whitwell City Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

Kimball Mayor Rex Pesnell

Kimball Police Chief is retiring. The new chief will be Tim Allison. Everyone is invited to attend a retirement reception for Chief Tommy Jordan on July 7th at the Kimball Municipal Building between the hours of 2 PM and 6 PM CDT.

Mayor of South Pittsburg Virgil Holder

Mayor Holder introduced the new South Pittsburg City Administrator Gene Vess.

Miscellaneous:

Persons present at today's meeting shared information about their organizations and upcoming events.

Announcements

Announcements were reviewed as distributed. A copy is on file with the minutes.

Trivia Question

Question: As published in the 2017 Annual Litter Grant Report, how many pounds of litter were removed by county governments through the FY 2016 Litter Grant Program?

Answer: 22,064,623.83 pounds of litter.

Nobody really got close enough to be considered a winner, but since Ms. Williams had brought t-shirts and caps for everyone, we were all winners!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next monthly board meeting will be July 20, 2017 at noon at the Western Sizzlin.

Minutes submitted by Judy Blevins

Reviewed by President Jamie Lawson