

## **Marion County Chamber of Commerce**

### **Board of Directors' Meeting**

**April 19, 2018**

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Western Sizzlin at noon on April 19, 2018. Board members in attendance were President Patrick O'Hagan, Past President Jamie Lawson and board members Joyce Burkhalter, Donna Sartin, and Garret Faugot.

Others in attendance were Andrew Lawrence with Colonial Chemical, Robert Kelly with First Volunteer Bank, Ed Garbee with Garbee Architecture, Mayor Rex Pesnell with Town of Kimball, Lulu Copeland with Chattanooga State, George Davis with the American Job Center, Sonya McShan with Erlanger Hospital, and Judy Blevins, administrative assistant for the chamber.

President Patrick O'Hagan called the meeting to order and recognized guests and members in attendance.

Please note that a quorum of board members was not present, therefore motions were accepted and a follow-up e-vote will be requested of all board members. The results will be distributed with the minutes.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Joyce Burkhalter and seconded by Jamie Lawson to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2018 board meeting. Pending e-vote.

#### **Financial Report:**

Judy Blevins presented the "Income and Expense Report" for the month of March 2018, "Income and Expense Report" from August 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and "Account Balances Report" as of April 18, 2018. Copies were distributed to all present and are on file with the minutes. Motion was made by Joyce Burkhalter and seconded by Garret Faugot to approve the financial report as presented. Pending e-vote.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **A. Report from Events & Tourism Committee**

Plans are underway for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Marion County Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic which will take place on June 1, 2018 at Sweeten's Cove Golf Course. See a copy of handouts on file with the minutes. Sponsorships are still available. The committee will be working to fill all sponsorships as soon as possible and will report at the May board meeting.

## B. Lunch 'n Learn Training

The second lunch 'n learn seminar sponsored by the chamber and presented by TN Bureau of Workers Compensation was held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from fourteen businesses, organizations and municipalities were present for one or both seminars. Those in attendance indicated that the information was beneficial to them.

The chamber thanks Town of Kimball for the use of the Kimball Municipal Building for the seminars .

The chamber is receptive to offering more lunch 'n learn seminars in the future and will take suggestions as to topics of interest. Donna Sartin recommended a seminar on the use of Excel spreadsheets.

## C. Anti-Litter Campaign

Andrew Lawrence told the board that there were no new anti-litter initiatives to report at this time. He did, however, encourage members of the public to bring paper items that need to be shredded to Colonial Chemical on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM until 11:30 PM CDT. This is a free service offered periodically by Colonial Chemical.

## **New Business:**

### A. Request for Donation -Summer Reading Program

The chamber has received a request from Jasper Public Library to make a donation to the children's summer reading program. See letter on file with the minutes. Following discussion as to whether the summer reading program falls within the mission of the chamber, Judy Blevins was requested to contact the library and to bring additional information to the next board meeting. No motion was entertained at this time.

### B. Request for Donation – Marion County Veterans Memorial Park

The chamber has received a request for donation to be used to acquire a Bell Huey UHI Helicopter. See letter on file with the minutes. Donna Sartin was asked to find out more about the project, how many people visit the park, and to bring additional information to the next board meeting. No motion was entertained at this time.

## **Mayors' Reports:**

Mayor Rex Pesnell explained that the Sequatchie Valley Soccer League would be hosting games at the Kimball Park the next two weekends.

No other municipal mayor was present.

### **Miscellaneous**

Garret Fugot with SOCUMO inspired a discussion of the untapped potential for outdoor activities in the local area.

George Davis explained services provided to veterans through the American Job Center.

Jamie Lawson reported that 2 ½ million dollar renovations are being made to Parkridge West including the addition of eight beds to the behavioral unit.

Garret Fugot announced that Covenant Allergy & Asthma has been providing asthma screenings to several local schools. They are available to offer screenings to local businesses as well.

### **Announcements**

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

Be sure to remember the National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Joyce Burkhalter invited the board to visit First Volunteer in South Pittsburg for a meet and greet reception from 5:00 – 6:00 PM prior to opening ceremonies on Friday night. Square dance follows opening ceremonies. Friday night is free.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next monthly board meeting will be May 17, 2018 at noon at the Western Sizzlin.

Minutes submitted by Judy Blevins

Reviewed by President Patrick O'Hagan

Addendum: E-vote was requested and received from a quorum of board members (7). All motions were unanimously accepted. 4/25/18