

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

APEX, Stacy Strieker
CEC, Rebeca Gabel (**Secretary**)
City Board and Alderman, Cheri Wright
Fit4All, David Tate
Fit4All, Angie Ware
Heirloom Soapworks, Becky Ripplemeyer
Lebanon Advertiser, Susan Meister
Lebanon Women's Club, Pam Martin
Lebanon Rotary, Jeff Thornton
Legendary Creations, Janet Schmitt
Lions Club, Mike Bennett
Looking Glass Playhouse, Jay Frey
McKendree University, Michele Erschen
State Farm, Jessica Zurliene (**Vice President**)

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am at the Visitor's Center by Vice President, Jessica Zurliene.

Invocation given by Mike Bennett

Guest speakers & Introductions of Guests: Welcome to David Tate and Angie Ware from Fit4All

Reports:

Treasurers Report:

- Checking Account Balance as of 03/20/2017: \$1,736.14
- Money Market account as of 03/20/2017: \$15,860.33
- Mortgage balance is \$2,206.93
- Treasurers report approved.

Secretary's Report

- February meeting minutes approved, with correction reflecting Baron Rana as president. Meeting minutes are also available for viewing at <http://lebanonil.us/member-announcements/>

Visitors Center

- VC is open with enough volunteers for now, but we can always use more volunteers to answer the phone and greet visitors to Lebanon. For more information or to volunteer, call 618-537-8420.

Merchants

- Sip & Shop is next on Apr 6, 4-8 PM
- Merchants are adding a Dickens Fest on Saturday, Sep 23, 2017 with plans to have horse and carriage rides, a bounce house, will need to submit for street closure no later than June.

McKendree University—Michele Erschen

- Check out the McKendree Gallery of Art for current and upcoming displays
- Call the Hett at 537-6863 for tickets to upcoming events.
- Call 618-537-6873 for tickets and schedules of McKendree sport events.

City (Cheri Wright)

- Ordinance for no parking on Alton street
- 18-wheelers continue to be an issue on the streets
- Still working on raffle ordinance, needs to be approved by Monday
- Green building should be torn down by May 16th, more to come

Website

- New website is up and running, fine-tuning content. Please check your member directory information and e-mail Rebeca Gabel if you see corrections that need to be made.
- Chamber news and minutes will be distributed via Constant Contact, please add to your contacts to ensure delivery and contact Rebeca Gabel if you need to be added to e-mail distribution list.
- "Like" and share our Lebanon Chamber Facebook Page so that we can get the word out on all events:

- Lebanon Chamber Webpage: <http://www.lebanonil.us/>
- Lebanon Chamber Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lebanonilchamberofcommerce?fref=ts>

Upcoming Events

Apr 6—Sip & Shop
 Apr 20—Lions Hearing Screening at True Value/Prescription Plus
 Apr 20—Lions Blood Drive at St Paul UCC
 Apr 27—Lions Spaghetti Dinner for Lions Camp at St Paul UCC 4:30-7pm
 May 6—May Market
 May 13—Classic Car Cruise
 Jun 3—City Wide Yard Sale
 Jun 3—Classic Car Cruise
 Jul 1—Classic Car Cruise
 Jul 7/8—Fireman’s Picnic & Parade
 Aug 5—Classic Car Cruise
 Sep 2—Classic Car Cruise
 Oct 7—Fall Festival
 Oct 14—Classic Car Cruise
 Oct 19-21—Haunted Happenings Looking Glass Playhouse
 Oct 21—Trunk or Treat
 Oct 29—Witches Night Out
 Nov 17-Dec31—Winter Wonderland of Lights
 Nov 17/18—Victorian Holiday
 Dec 2—Hometown Christmas
 Dec 8, 9, 10—A Christmas Carol (LGP)

Old Business

- Lebanon Beautification Committee still working on nonprofit status. More to come, POC John Wright
- Cost/process for advertising events on marquee

New Business

- Cost/process for advertising events on marquee
- Contact Rebeca Gabel to schedule and host Chamber Business over Breakfast, Member Lunch & Learn/Networking, and Business After Hours

Around the Table/Open Discussion

- Chamber Vice President, Jessica Zurliene made a recommendation and push to energize our Chamber with new faces, and encouraged members to support one another in the coming year. We want to add value to our businesses, and look forward to welcoming more business owners to join the chamber!
- Jay Frey announced that Titanic will be at the Looking Glass Playhouse on May 4, 5, 6, 7 and May 11, 12, 13, 14. For tickets, call 537-4962 or purchase online at <http://www.lookingglassplayhouse.com/>.
- Mike Bennett provided some dates for upcoming events: Apr 20 Lions Ear Screenings at True Value/Prescriptions Plus, Apr 20 Blood Drive at St. Paul’s UCC, and Lions Spaghetti dinner at St Paul’s UCC 4:30-7pm
- Jeff Thornton announced Lebanon Rotary to host Business After Hours at El Rey Sol on Thursday, Mar 30, 6-7:30pm
- Pam Martin announce ticket sales are ongoing for Lebanon Woman’s Club annual fundraiser with Dave Ehler on Saturday, April 22, proceeds benefit the local community.
- Janet Schmitt asked about donations being solicited to pay for signs at four-way stop.
- David Tate, owner of Fit4All kindly offered additional parking in his parking lot for downtown events when needed. Also, David is working on events for kids in the park to encourage them to be active this summer, and free time for parents in June. More to come!

- Jessica Zurliene announced APEX her State Farm office ARE coordinating a joint effort to sponsor a Back To School Fair this fall. Businesses interested in participating can contact Jessica to prevent duplication of effort.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 am.

Next Meeting: Apr 27, 2017, in lower level of Lebanon Visitor's Center at 8:00 am.

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Rebeca Gabel
Secretary

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Jessica Zurliene
Vice President