

## Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

APEX, Stacy Strieker  
Cedars of Lebanon, Kari Welker  
Christ Bros. Asphalt, Inc, Carrie Christ (**Treasurer**)  
Emerald Mound Grange, Lori Henrichs  
Lebanon Rotary, Jeff Thornton  
Legendary Creations, Janet Schmitt  
Lions Club, Mike Bennett  
McKendree University, Michele Erschen  
Lebanon Women's Club, Pam Martin

State Farm, Jessica Zurliene (**Vice President**)  
Visitor's Center, Joe Zimmerlee  
Barbara Joy, Lebanon Winter Wonderland  
Whimsey Gifts, Margaret Pearson

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

Invocation

**Guest Speakers & Introductions of Guests:** None

### Reports:

#### **Treasurers Report:**

- Checking Account Balance as of 6/21/2017: \$936.87
- Money Market account as of 5/25/2017: \$10,869.49
- Mortgage balance: \$1,437.12
- Treasurer's report approved.

#### **Secretary's Report**

- May meeting minutes approved.

#### **Visitors Center**

- VC is selling cookbooks for \$5, will provide to other merchants to sell as well
- Getting Settled Ad & LPG Ad being worked on
- Fall Event Flyer is available
- We have plan in place for heating/cooling replacement when it breaks down

#### **Merchants**

- Dickens Fest coming soon on Saturday, Sep 23, 2017 with plans to have horse and carriage rides, a bounce house, and family friendly activities.

#### **McKendree University—Michele Erschen**

- Call the Hett at 537-6863 for tickets to upcoming events, new season on McKendree website and Facebook  
Call 618-537-6873 for tickets and schedules of McKendree sport events
- Gallery of Art invites all artists to: Get Out! Paint Out! Aug 8 from 4:00-6:00; exhibit of works will be held on Aug 17-Sept 17 with public reception Aug 31 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Find registration online.

#### **City (Cheri Wright)**

- No update

#### **Website**

- It was suggested to look in to Hootsuite to plan out event posts for the year, as well as adding another admin to the chamber Facebook page, TBA. If you are familiar with Hootsuite and would like to volunteer to be backup admin for Chamber Facebook page and schedule Hootsuite posts, let Rebeca know.

- Chamber news and minutes will be distributed via Constant Contact, please add [chamber@lebanonil.us](mailto:chamber@lebanonil.us) 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**

Aug 5—Lakers Classic Car Cruise  
 Sep 2—Lakers Classic Car Cruise  
 Sep 23—Dickens Fest  
 Oct 7—Fall Festival  
 Oct 14—Lakers Classic Car Cruise  
 Oct 19-21—Haunted Happenings Looking Glass Playhouse  
 Oct 21—Trunk or Treat  
 Oct 29—Witches Night Out  
 Nov 17-Dec31— Lebanon’s Winter Wonderland  
 Nov 17/18—Victorian Holiday  
 Dec 2—Hometown Christmas  
 Dec 8, 9, 10—A Christmas Carol (LGP)

### **Old Business**

- Queen of Hearts Raffle Discussion (tabled until June meeting)

### **New Business**

- Voted on Queen of Hearts fund raiser. Passed unanimously with McKendree University abstaining from vote and any further conversation. Event will begin in August. Stay tuned for further details.

### **Around the Table/Open Discussion**

- Back to School Fair—Jessica Zurliene working. Chamber voted to run event through our accounts for donations, etc. Donations welcome.
- Emerald Mound Grange hosting summer BBQs. Next one Jul 18 4-7pm.
- Cedars of Lebanon hosting After Hours Thursday Jun 29, 4-7pm. Come see the complete rehab of the facility and enjoy refreshments.
- Woman’s Club rec’d a BBQ grill from Prescription Plus. Collecting for a BBQ them raffle at Fireman’s Picnic; all proceeds go to Firemen and Lebanon charities. There will also be a handgun and shotgun raffle for the event.
- Lebanon Lions holding tournament at Tamarack. Chamber voted to donate to event.
- Lebanon LabRats MS walk Aug 19. Trivia event made \$1,800.
- Dairy Queen is holding MS fundraiser on Jul 12, come and buy!
- Lou from True Value and Prescriptions Plus holding Aromatherapy class 6/29 Thursday from 7-8pm. Also a grilling event Jul 1 with Weber Grills at special prices and Brats from Reinneck Ranch. Grange is doing the grilling and all donations go to the Grange.
- Route for Fireman’s picnic has changed.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 am.**

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

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 Carrie Christ  
 Treasurer

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 President