

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

APEX, Stacy Schreiber
Atomy, Rebeca Gabel (**President**)
Cedars of Lebanon, Nichole Myers
Cedar Ridge, Ashley Huels
City of Lebanon, Cheri Wright (**Correspondence**)
Dairy Queen, Baron Rana
Emerald Mound Grange, Mindy Schiefer
Farmers and Merchants Bank, Shirley Hausmann
Frazier Endodontics, Jacob Frazier
Lebanon Advertiser, Susan Meister
Lebanon First UMC, Kim Hagedorn
Lebanon Historical Society, Len Adams
Lebanon School Dist 9, Leigh Jackson

Lebanon Winter Wonderland, Barb Joy
Lebanon Woman's Club, Pam Martin
Legendary Creations, Janet Schmitt
Lions Club/LMM, Mike Bennett
McKendree University, Michele Erschen
State Farm, Jessica Zurliene (**Vice President**)
Visitor's Center, Joe Zimmerlee
Volunteer, Melissa "Missy" Mitchell
Whimsey Gifts, Margaret Pearson (**Secretary**)

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am at the Visitor's Center by Margaret Pearson, Secretary.

Invocation by Joe Zimmerlee

Guest Speakers & Introductions of Guests:

- None

Reports:

Treasurers Report:

- Treasurer's report tabled until February meeting.

Secretary's Report

- November minutes tabled until February meeting.

Visitor's Center

- The Visitor's Center needs additional volunteer, contact Betty Williams if able to volunteer.
- Audit is pending for 2017 financial records, Joe Zimmerlee has the checkbooks.

Merchants

- Chocolate Rendezvous coming up on Feb 10th
- Ahner's and Basket Case have closed on W. Main Street, those storefronts are available for rent. Contact John Wright at 618-791-0001 for rental information.

McKendree University—Michele Erschen

- Preview Day Feb 19th from 10am to 2pm
- Sat, Apr 7th parent and students will be in town
- Mar 12-16 Spring Break, May Graduation
- Aug 27, Fall classes start

City (Cheri Wright)

- TIF district has been approved for RP Lumber store, Shell Station and new grocery store

- Interested and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend public meetings

Website

- Chamber news and minutes are distributed via Constant Contact, please add 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

- Queen of Hearts Raffle every Thursday @ Summerfield Lions Club, ticket sales 5:30, drawing 7:30pm
- See agenda and Chamber Community Calendar for a list of all upcoming events at <http://lebanonil.us/community-calendar/>
- Send flyers for upcoming events to be added to Community Calendar, Chamber Facebook, and newsletters to rebeca.gabel@gmail.com

Old Business

- Beautification Committee/Joint efforts with Lebanon Historical Society and Chamber for trolley renovation project. We need to get John Wright, Joe Zimmerlee, and mayor together with historical society as well as with others interested in assisting with the project.

New Business

- Dickens Fest has been postponed until Apr 6, 2019 (a Saturday) to allow for more advanced planning. Feedback and committee members welcome.

Around the Table/Open Discussion

- Joe Zimmerlee stated that John Wright and group are still planning on updating the square intersection; Tourism Guide is out
- Jessica Zurliene is coaching HG girls basketball team, warned everyone about supply companies claiming to sell promotional gear that does not directly support the school sports program
- Len Adams provided updates for LGP, Historical Society, Mermaid House, Haunted Tours:
 - o Next season’s schedule for LGP is almost complete, there is a GoFundMe link to support a new floor for the LGP stage
 - o Historical Society is working on replacing some of the wood flooring at Mermaid House, adding an 1870’s stove, and has commissioned a Virtual Tour of the Mermaid House to be filmed in April 2018!
 - o Len will be looking at adding some Haunted Tours this year, more to come
- Mike Bennet update:
 - o Feb 13, 4:30 to 6:30 pm Community Dinner at the Methodist Church
 - o Apr 12, 4:30 TO 7:00 PM Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner at UCC
 - o Mar 24, 7:00 pm, Elvis Impersonator at Jail House Rock
 - o Apr 14th, City Hall Parking Lot—donations dropped off for fundraiser for LMM
 - o Apr 19, Blood Drive at UCC
- Baron Rana Dairy Queen announcements:

- Mar 20, Free Cone Day at Dairy Queen; donations that day support the Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser
- Jul 27, Miracle Treat Day, proceeds from Blizzards go to Children's Miracle Network
- Brian Hardy may be selling Dairy Queens, no foreseeable changes in community support upon sale of the Lebanon Dairy Queen
- Barb Joy reported that the ninth Lebanon's Winter Wonderland went well, next year will be 10th year! Thanks to all volunteers, more volunteers always needed and appreciated. Interested individuals may attend the LWW meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6pm at Legendary Creations
- Cedar Ridge will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt
- Cedars of Lebanon is hosting a chamber Business Over Breakfast on Friday, Feb 23, 8am. Note: Cedars of Lebanon currently has no waiting list for residents!
- Al Gerdes announced APG Enterprises will be actively working on websites, small computer work, and a centralized sales center for online sales.
- Missy Mitchell thanked all who supported or volunteered at Lebanon Victorian Holiday, potential house tours and activities are in the works for 2018.
- Mindy Shiefer announced Emerald Mound Grange is hosting a Make A Blanket Day in support of the National Linus Project on Mar 3 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Grange.
- Welcome to Jake Frazier, who announced his new Frazier Endodontics is up and running on Wakanda Drive.
- Contact Margaret Pearson for your business cards or printing needs!
- Jessica Zurliene also cautioned everyone to beware of solicitation for children's books, teachers have not agreed to this program!

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 am.

Next Meeting: Feb 22, 2018, in lower level of Lebanon Visitor's Center at 8:00 am.

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Margaret Pearson
Secretary

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Rebeca Gabel
President