

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Atomy, Rebeca Gabel (President)	Lebanon Public Library, Ramona Witte
Cedars of Lebanon, Nichole Myers	Lebanon Woman's Club, Pam Martin
Christ Bros. Asphalt, Inc., Carrie Christ	Legendary Creations, Janet Schmitt
(Treasurer)	Meredith Funeral Home, Brenda Pehle
City of Lebanon, Cheri Wright (Correspondence)	McKendree University, Michele Erschen
Dairy Queen, Baron Rana	Regions Bank, Dallas Dixon
Emerald Mound Grange, Mindy Schiefer	Robin's Nest, Robin Schultze
Farmers and Merchants Bank, Shirley	State Farm, Jessica Zurliene (Vice President)
Hausmann	Tiadaghton House, Holly Lovell
John Wright Realty, John Wright	Visitor's Center, Joe Zimmerlee
Lebanon Advertiser, Susan Meister	Volunteer, Melissa "Missy" Mitchell
Lebanon Historical Society, Mark Godwin	Whimsey Gifts, Margaret Pearson (Secretary)
Lebanon Historical Society, Len Adams	
Lebanon Matthew Ministries, Jane Cotts	

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

Invocation by Joe Zimmerlee

Guest Speakers & Introductions of Guests:

- None

Reports:

Treasurers Report:

- Stoplight fund holds a small balance
- \$16,586 in Queen of Hearts pot with about \$4,000 as Chamber's share
- Property tax on the Visitors' Center increased slightly, but still a good rate
- Checking Account Balance as of 02/21/2018: \$1,358.93
- Money Market account as of 02/21/2018: \$30,189.01
- Visitor's Center mortgage was paid in full in December 2017!

Secretary's Report

- November and January minutes were approved as distributed.

Visitor's Center

- The Visitor's Center needs additional volunteers as well as an organizer for those volunteers. Contact Missy Mitchell at 618-977-9713 to volunteer for two-hour shifts on weekdays (Tuesday through Friday) from 10-12, 12-2, or 2-4 or a three-hour shift on Saturdays from 10-1 or 1-4.
- The name of a longtime volunteer, Vince Hogg who recently died will be added to a plaque honoring people of service
- Girl Scouts are using the facility on occasion

Merchants

- Good participation for Chocolate Rendezvous. Next up is Sip and Shop on April 5.

McKendree University—Michele Erschen

- Business as usual

City (Cheri Wright)

- Advertisement is out for demolition bids for Brad and Deb's.
- Public meeting for the TIF district is April 9 @ City Hall @ 6:45 p.m.

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

- John Wright and others continue to work on the plans for the four corners of the four-way intersection at the top of the hill (the square)
- 1814 Restaurant is becoming Cobblestone Eatery and Drinkery.

New Business

We interrupted the meeting to go into the street to see the girls' basketball team off to state.

Around the Table/Open Discussion

Meeting was curtailed due to watching Lady Greyhounds depart.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 am.

Next Meeting: March 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