

September 27, 2018

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Atomy, Rebeca Gabel (President)	Legendary Creations, Janet Schmitt
Christ Bros. Asphalt, Carrie Christ (Treasurer)	O'Fallon Weekly, Carol Goodwright
City of Lebanon, Cheri Wright (Correspondence)	Visitor's Center, Joe Zimmerlee
Meridith Funeral Home, Brenda Pehle (Secretary)	Visitor's Center, Bob Lee
Emerald Mound Grange, Mindy Schiefer	
Farmers & Merchants, Shirley Hausman	
Lebanon Historical Society, Mark Godwin	
Lebanon Matthew Ministries, Jane Cotts	
Lebanon Rotary, Jeff Thornton	
Lebanon Winter Wonderland, Barbara Joy	

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am at the Visitor's Center by Rebeca Gabel, President. Joe Zimmerlee led invocation.

Reports:

Lebanon School District #9

- No report (Rebeca will contact School Office about representation).

Treasurer's Report

(Handout)

- Balance as of 9/26/18 - Checking: \$1,296.71; Money Market: \$88,300.19. This includes \$30.06 Interest in 2017 and \$115.27 Interest for 2018.
- Carrie noted The *Dishonesty Bond* purchase (8/27/18) covers all hands in monetary exchanges.
- There are 6 cards left going into the Queen of Hearts tonight and the pot starts with more than \$64,000.
- Chamber paid \$260. over insurance for roof replacement cost. Highway 64 signage was also paid out, and Car Show entries are signing for next year. Report approved (Brenda/Cheri).

Secretary's Report

- Approved (Carrie/Mindy).

Visitor's Center

- Visitor's Center can always use additional volunteer staff.
- Last week there was an incident with a transient that made a volunteer feel uncomfortable and unsafe. The person visited several storefronts on the same day, bringing increased alert and open eyes among merchants.

Merchants

- No report.

McKendree University

- No report.

City

- City voted yes for employees to form a union and approved a raise for supervisors.
- They are pursuing professional engineering for the new grocery store entry/access. No additional business space is committed as yet.
- With sudden death of Don Evans, the auto parts store is up for sale.

Website

- Rebeca pointed out that Chamber events appear in the drop down
- Bob said the Breese and Carlyle radio stations have 15 minutes of air time they give non-profits, and that he would be glad to write the promos for the Fall Festival, Witches Night and Victorian Holiday Weekend. Chamber should also look into utilizing the McKendree podcast station.

Upcoming Events

- Crafters are still signing up for the Fall Festival. To date there are 130 vendors and 15 food sources. This is down from previous years but new crafters are signing up. Set up will be aided by McKendree sorority and soccer students and the Grange will make breakfast available during set up hours.
- Next year's Classic Car Club schedule will make provisional change to avert conflict with the Playhouse show in May.
- RP Lumber's grand opening is October 20; Cedar Ridge is taking auction items for their Fall Fest.
- Trunk or Treat set up begins at 5:30pm; the Brick Street will be closed between Hwy 4 and Monroe for the 6-8pm event. Firefighters are cooking for the event and Al will provide music. The Visitor's Center needs to be open that evening; attendance is estimated for 1000 children.
- McKendree's Homecoming Parade is slated for 11am.
- Witches Night is 5-9pm and is being publicized for adult women with no activities for children. The event will feature new vendors that are women owned businesses that will not compete with town merchants.
- Magic Show flyer will be ready soon.
- McKendree's Rob Watkins and sorority women will be assisting with practical set up for Victorian Holidays. Lori is requesting desserts; she may be reached at 420-3147.
- Winter Wonderland is getting ready to be set up.
- Dickens Fest organizers must approach City to obtain date/permission.

Old Business

- First bench repair is finished; the second to be fixed will be done next week utilizing Lions Club donation.
- The mural brick wall has been covered over, repaired and primed. Signage is in for powder coating and new trees are slated for planting in days ahead.

New Business

None

Next meeting is October 25, beginning at 8:30 am in the basement of the Visitor's Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:29 am (Carrie/Cheri).

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Brenda Pehle, Secretary

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Rebeca Gabel, President

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- ❖ Lebanon Chamber Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lebanonilchamberofcommerce?fref=ts>