

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Atomy, Rebeca Gabel (President)	Legendary Creations, Janet Schmitt
Christ Bros. Asphalt, Carrie Christ (Treasurer)	Lions Club, Kevin Brown
City of Lebanon, Cheri Wright (Correspondence)	Robin's Nest Antiques, Robin Schultze
Meridith Funeral Home, Brenda Pehle (Secretary)	Victorian Holiday Committee, Missy Mitchell
APEX Network PT, Stacy Schreiber	Visitor's Center, Joe Zimmerlee
Emerald Mound Grange, Charles Treser	Visitor's Center, Bob Lee
Lebanon Historical Society & Playhouse, Len Adams	
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 representation since start of school year.

Treasurer's Report

(Handout)

- Balance as of 10/24/18 - Checking: \$1,256.60; Money Market: \$30,336.72. Entrance Sign Project balance is \$3,291.15. Balances for Square Project: \$500.00; Stop Sign Project \$148.35.
- The Queen of Hearts payout last week was \$88,381.00. While there are still some expenses to be paid, it looks like the Chamber's profit is about \$27,000.00.
- Joe pointed out that among the expenses was the cost to replace tree given in memory of Mary Renfro.
- Carrie suggested formation of a committee of 3-4 people to receive and review proposals for funding with the Queen of Hearts money. That committee would in turn present worthy projects to the Chamber for consideration and approval. After some discussion it was agreed that the Board be tasked with the role; it was also suggested that they meet to establish criteria and checklist of information needed to aid the process.
- Thanks goes to Becky Faust, Lisa Adams and Cheri Wright who managed the Queen of Hearts purse over the course of the year, and to Pat Suydam and Carrie Christ for their help.

Secretary's Report

- Approved (Rebeca/Carrie).

Visitor's Center

- Currently volunteer coverage is good, even for extra shifts scheduled for Trunk or Treat and Witches Night Out. The streets will close early for both events.
- Joe will be picking up copies of the Holiday Tourism Times this weekend. A draft insert for next year's events was passed among attendees.
- There are more requests to rent the basement for private events (rent is \$100.00 for 4 hrs).
- The Center will be decorated for Victorian Holidays on Saturday, November 3rd.

Merchants

- Haunted Happenings was well attended.

McKendree University

- No report.

City

- The Library has requested a \$2 million bond to redo building.
- (There is a hole in ground by the sewer plant)
- McKendree's Fun Run is the morning of December 1st.
- There is wording proposed for the mural
- City approved backpay for supervisors.

Website

- Rebeca acknowledged Tapestry Room is depicted on website.
- Bob Lee has a lead on someone who is looking to do video of the locale; he will get an estimate.

Upcoming Events

- There are 25 cars signed up for the Chamber's Trunk or Treat. The Fire Department will serve chili and hot dogs on other side of Pearl Street.
- Witches Night will feature a vintage photo booth and Haunted House in the Mini Park. The Haunted House will accept donations for the McAllister Park project.

Old Business

None

New Business

Calendar of Events for 2019 is being finalized.
Next Chamber meeting will be November 15 (instead of Thanksgiving).
Officer slate will be presented with open nominations for vote.

Around the Room

- Missy reviewed Victorian Brochure with Hours and entertainment planned for the weekend. Trash plans were also discussed.
- Kevin pointed out green letters on bulletin board from kids who attended Camp Lion. Lions Club will have barrels for recycling string lights at the annual tree stand, True Value and Winter Wonderland.
- Charles shared promotional flyer for the upcoming Magic Show and said admission proceeds will fund some of their community events.
- Barb reported Winter Wonderland set up began last week and continues every Saturday, 10-4. Volunteers are very welcome and can show up any or all Saturdays; there is plenty of work. To volunteer for gate work during the holiday season, contact Dona Schieppe.
- Janet added that even kids are welcome to help with Winter Wonderland set up. She suggested that the emergency vehicle plan be reviewed/updated in case a situation calls for emergency response.
- Carrie is putting a budget together for next year.
- Len said Frost Nixon is the next play, and asked that speakers used for Victorian Nights be pointed away from Looking Glass. Jesus Christ Superstar auditions are December 8th. The Virtual Tour is almost completed; a cubby will be reserved for it upstairs in the Visitor's Center.

- Susan Meister is seeking an intern for the Historical Society. Mermaid House will promote that they are open during Victorian Nights and for other town events. They are also working on a Facebook page.

Next meeting is November 15th at 8:30 am in the Visitor's Center basement due to Thanksgiving holiday. Please note that there will be no meeting in December. Happy holidays!

Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 am (Cheri/Missy).

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Brenda Pehle, Secretary

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Rebeca Gabel, President

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