

November 28, 2018

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Atomy, Rebeca Gabel (President)	Legendary Creations, Janet Schmitt
Christ Bros. Asphalt, Carrie Christ (Treasurer)	Lions Club, Mike Bennett
City of Lebanon, Cheri Wright (Correspondence)	McKendree University, Michele Erschen
Meridith Funeral Home, Brenda Pehle (Secretary)	Robin's Nest Antiques, Robin Schultze
Emerald Mound Grange, Mindy Schiefer	Rocking R, Randy Reibold
Lebanon Historical Society & Playhouse, Len Adams	Victorian Holiday Committee, Missy Mitchell
Lebanon Winter Wonderland, Barbara Joy	Visitor's Center, Joe Zimmerlee
	John Wright Realty, John Wright

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 11/28/18 - Checking: \$2,018.50; Money Market: \$28,351.09
- Greg Kadell is working with Jody to troubleshoot electrical issues (on south side of brick street) and check one hundred block. \$150. was spent from Queen funds.
- \$900 repair SW
- 2019 budget (motion/second) was approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes approved.

Visitor's Center

- Center always needs volunteers; volunteer Christmas party is December 4th
- Volunteers often hear public marvel the presence and convenience of the Center.
- A volunteer suggested Chamber consider a change in Visitor Center hours to open at noon instead of 10am because foot traffic is relatively light in the mornings. Initial response was not favorable to reducing hours of operation (but will be added to agenda?)

Merchants

- Merchants would like volunteers to keep brick street parking open if they are able to park in back or off location since parking is very limited.
- Merchants and Chamber members would like to utilize open lot for additional parking; Cheri reminded everyone that the City does not own the lot and owner wants \$10,000 for the land use.
- Hometown Christmas is this coming weekend. Many shops will have refreshments and drawings.

McKendree University

- Prospective leadership students and their parents will be in town December 1st.
- Christmas break is December 14 – January 14.
- Students are sponsoring an Angel Tree for local needy children; interested members can find information in PAC and the gym.

- An art exhibit opens with a reception tonight between 5-7 pm and runs until December 8th.

City

- (The sewer plant is coming along)
- The City and State Fire Marshall are discussing private firework compliance.
- Council members are asking for communications and notices regarding ribbon cuttings and other Chamber activities; Cheri will advise leadership that they are all on the Chamber's mailing list.
- December's meeting schedules have been modified for the upcoming holidays.

New Business

- A draft Calendar of Events for 2019 was presented:

January 19	Emerald Mound Grange Breakfast, 7:30am-11:30am
February 2	Rotary Pancake Breakfast, 7am-2pm, FUMC
February 9	Chocolate Rendezvous
April 6	Dickens Fest
May 4	May Market
May 11	Lakers Classic Car Cruise
June 1	Lakers Classic Car Cruise
June 1	City Wide Yard Sale
July 6	Lakers Classic Car Cruise
July 12-13	Fireman's Picnic
August 3	Lakers Classic Car Cruise
September 7	Lakers Classic Car Cruise
October 5	Fall Festival
October 12	Lakers Classic Car Cruise
October 18-19	LGP Haunted Happenings
October 26	Trunk or Treat
October 27	Witches Night Out
Nov 22- Dec 31	Winter Wonderland Opens
November 22-24	Victorian Holiday
December 7	Hometown Christmas
Nov 22-Dec 31	Winter Wonderland Closes
- LGP shows and dates will be added to the calendar. Additionally, there are plans to work together to plan for the May Car Cruise and Victorian Holiday. Sip & Shop event has been removed, to be replaced by Dickens Fest which will be held on Apr 6, 2016.

- The Chamber letter and membership form were reviewed for changes. All agreed that rates remain unchanged (Len Adams/Carrie Christ). Joe will prepare membership renewal for December mailing.

- The slate of 2019 Chamber officers was presented, and the floor opened for any additional nominees. Nominations were closed without any additions, and approved unanimously:

President – Missy Mitchell	977-9713; spokesmarkethub@gmail.com
V President – Robin Schultze	808-5016; robin@robinsnest-antiques.com
Treasurer – Carrie Christ	537-6174; CChrist@chasphalt.com
Secretary – Brenda Pehle	960-1550; brenda@meridithfuneralhome.com
Past President – Rebeca Gabel	610-2509; rebeca.gabel@gmail.com
Merchant – Holly Lovell	808-0311; tiahouseart@gmail.com
Visitor's Center – Joe Zimmerlee	920-2157; annzimmerlee38@gmail.com
Website & Newsletter – Rebeca Gabel	610-2509; rebeca.gabel@gmail.com

Around the Room

- The Food Pantry received more than 4000 items from the Boy Scouts food drive. Lions' Christmas tree stand opened with \$1100. Special thanks to the Grange for their donation of pies for the Thanksgiving dinner at FUMC and to Faith Church for use of their lot for Lions events. There were many good things heard about Victorian Holiday and some lessons learned; a January meeting is being planned to evaluate and plan for next year.
- Contact DSchieppe42@gmail.com for a volunteer shift at Winter Wonderland.
- The Women's Club is planning a gaslight square musical on April 13 featuring Dixieland Jazz; they are having their holiday party December 20th in the Visitors Center basement.
- The Grange gave \$200 from dessert sales to the Chamber for use of the Visitors Center over Victorian Holiday.
- Chamber granted permission for John Schieppe to use logo for veteran banners he is designing; John Wright is to meet with him to share ideas to honor veterans on the Square.
- A Ribbon cutting will follow January meeting, signaling new ownership and reopening of Lebanon Auto Parts under Don's son, Grant Evans. Members are invited to attend ribbon cutting at 105 McAllister Street immediately after the meeting.
- Auditions for Jesus Christ Superstar are coming up.
- Mermaid House enjoyed additional activity during Victorian Holidays with banner signage out front; recently floors were reinforced.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:31am.

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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>