

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Meeting

May 25, 2023

First Federal, Tiffany Suydam (P)
Christ Bros. Asphalt, Carrie Christ (T)
Paisley Place, Rebeca Gabel
Gateway Trails, George Fero
Lions Club, Susie Stevenson
Member, Janet Schmitt
Member, Joe Zimmerlee
Tiadaghton House, Holly Lovell
City of Lebanon, Mayor Cheri Wright

Fit 4 All, David Tate (VP)
Meridith Funeral Home, Brenda Pehle (S)
Rotary, Jeff Thornton
Lebanon Library, Lacey Mesarchik
McKendree University, Michele Erschen
Member, John Wright
SCU, Tabitha Bode
Vista Care, Craig Laskowski & Misty White

Tiffany called the meeting to order at 8:01 am. Joe led prayer and introductions followed.

Reports

Minutes April minutes were approved (George/Carrie).

Treasurer Report Of funds \$19,720.28, \$9,892.00 represents Queen income, \$3,450.00 has been collected for map project. Chamber still owes Beautification \$5,500.00. Bolstered by Vista Care rental income of \$2,410.12, checking balance is \$878.28.

Rebeca will make contact with new member prospect.

Images from sign work were shared; donations for electric are being accepted. Approved (Rebeca/Holly).

Visitors' Center Official representative is Marie Fero. Visitors' Center has two new subs but with shortage of volunteers, hours may be reduced.

City Mayor Wright has one more week of leave before resuming regular duties. Ginger Ale anticipates late Fall opening. Dollar Tree has been approved for TIF district. Gauchos Steakhouse is going into the Frey building. Parking lot will be closed for a poker run scheduled June 3. City was recently visited by OSHA and is working on upgrades and improvements. The city is working with the park board to address gatherings at McAllister/Johnson Park after nightfall and unscheduled events.

McKendree University Summer camps will be starting. Hett season will be announced June 1 with Michelle Radke Magnussen as new director.

Merchants May Market was a great success. Holly is looking for a successor for this most profitable annual event. Chair for last nine years, she is pledging to lead one more time while training a new coordinator.

2023 Events: Additional dates to put on the calendar:

Change of date: Let's Ride! Lebanon is June 17

Add: Tiadaghton House 10th Anniversary Celebration September 9

Old Business

Queen of Hearts Additional volunteers are needed Thursday evenings, Summerfield Lions Club: 5pm doors open; 7pm ticket pull.

Print Materials Additional Event Flyers will be printed for VC before Garden Tour.

City Map Updates and additional sponsors are still being worked in; contact Susie for an open spot (5000 print at cost of \$150.00).

Letter to City Satisfied the issues are being addressed, this item is being dropped.

**New Business – None
Around the Room**

George reported 650 cyclists took part in 26th annual Stooges Ride.

Suzie presented check for \$250.31 in the name of the Lions Club from their Pampered Chef winter sale proceeds for Visitors' Center expenses.

Craig introduced himself and Vista Care support and advocacy services for elderly, reflecting on his education at McKendree, work history particularly in Lebanon, and years of experience.

Misty added her appreciation for the accommodations Chamber has made to enable Vista Care to use Visitors' Center meeting room.

Rebeca anticipates a June opening of Paisley Place for Atomy products and providing space for individual and group facials.

Joe added Gauchos Argentinian Steakhouse projects six month opening.

Tiffany asked for feedback for Booster fundraiser card that offers discounts at local establishments.

Meeting adjourned at 844am. The next meeting is June 23, 2023.

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Brenda Pehle, Secretary

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Tiffany Suydam, President

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