

Attendees:

First Federal, Tiffany Suydam (P)	Garden Club, Peg Gerdes
Fit 4 All, David Tate (VP)	Gateway East Trails, George Fero
Christ Bros., Carrie Christ (T)	Lebanon Library, Lacey
Meridith Funeral Home, Brenda Pehle (S)	Robin's Nest, Robin Schultze
Atomy, Rebeca Gabel	Rotary, Jeff Thornton
Auntie Em's/Tarsha Homestead, Emily Tarsha	Tiadaghton House, Holley Lovell
Cedar Ridge, Ashley Huels	Member, AJ Dontigney
City, Cheri Wright	Member, Janet Schmitt
Edward Jones, Jessica Gavin	Member, Suzie Stevenson
	Member, Joe Zimmerlee

President Tiffany Suydam called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Robin Schultze offered prayer, which was followed by quick introductions.

Reports:

Secretary's Report

- Minutes were approved (motion Peg/second Rebeca).

Treasurer's Report

- Queen income \$6,240.00 will be applied to the Beautification Fund, borrowed during COVID when events and festivals were shut down. Unless Chamber elects to hold another Queen and there are additional members committed to operate the weekly event, the dishonesty bond will not be renewed. Lions and Vista income have bolstered Chamber funds. Report approved (motion Robin/second Cheri).

Visitors' Center

- We have a new volunteer who is also new to the community.

City

- A public meeting is set for August 28 to address ordinances for street events including lights, IDOT regulations and fundraisers, and work/noise ordinances that may affect the start of work hours allowed in town.

McKendree University

- Following Into the Streets, classes and sports programs have resumed.

Merchants

- Witches Night Out will be October 29 from 5-9pm with annual costume contest and DJ; seeking volunteers.
- Victorian Holidays planning is moving along for two-day event.

Upcoming Events Additions/Changes

Change family ride from September 9 to rain date, September 16

Yard Sale is September 9

Lebanon Youth Sports Trivia October 7 at Horner Park; auction baskets and donations welcome

Rebeca would like to schedule ribbon cutting after a Chamber meeting for Paisley Place opening

Old Business

The pot increases each week for Queen of Hearts.

Print material stock okay. City Map is in final editing; September print hopeful, with \$4,400.00 raised.

Chamber Bowling fundraiser s around the corner; sign up for teams, sponsorship.

New Business

Letter from Michele Rowe, dated Aug 22, 2022 shared voicing discord for lights.

Lights used during Witches Night Out are for safety reasons; it also provides opportunity to test/repair/replace bulbs before Victorian Holiday weekend.

Denise out for a while; Jerry is filling in décor until her return.

Elaine Fohne is submitting housekeeping supply requests through Carrie.

Neither hoped for grant was awarded to purchase new trash receptacles but will be purchased none-the-less with beautification funds.

Broken concrete bench will be removed; discussion ensued about responsibility/liability of donated items.

Around the Room

- AJ said there are several guitar shows coming up.
- Carrie cautioned safety checks for outside workers during heat.
- Winter Wonderland lights will start to go up on October 14 at 9am; helpers are needed.
- Holly is planning for Tiadaghton House's 10th Anniversary with unique foods and artist demonstrations.
- Lacey noted that there is one vacant spot on Library's Board for interested individual or nomination.
- George reported clean up of Trail will continue as weather improves; planning has begun for 27th Stooges.
- Jessica will be relocating in September to Shiloh/Swansea on Frank Scott Parkway. Effective date of State requirement for all businesses to offer a retirement plan is November 1.
- Cedar Ridge will host trunk or treat and possible petting zoo for Halloween.
- Peg voiced appreciation for McKendree students who helped mulch and work on community gardens.
- Joe asked who was sponsoring the Yard Sale
- Rotary will have Lacey speak September 7 and the new superintendent on September 21 at The Lantern.
- Robin's Nest will expand hours to include Wednesdays, 11-4 beginning September.
- David is working with John Wright on additional Christmas lighting.
- Tiffany has Lebanon Boosters discount card available for purchase. Alien Fest is coming up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28am.

The next meeting is scheduled September 28, 2023 at 8:30am.

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Brenda Pehle, Secretary

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Tiffany Suydam, President

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