

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce met at noon, Monday, April 17, 2017, at The Café with eleven members present: Pres. Laurinda Littleton, Megan Fox, Lowell Newsom, Janet Weaver, Susan Littleton, Robbie Wheeler, Rick Jones, Dora Palmer, Larry Pollard, Nancy Coy, and Shirley Morris.

Lowell Newsom moved to approve the agenda presented by Pres. Laurinda Littleton with Janet Weaver seconding. All present voted favorably.

The members having read either the email containing the secretary's report or the copy handed out at the table were asked for a motion to approve the same. Larry Pollard moved to approve the secretary's report with Nancy Coy seconding. All present voted favorably.

Lowell Newsom presented the Treasurer's report which showed an ending balance of \$2290.74 after an expense of \$50 for the Lions Club Trivia advertisement and before the addition of the money taken in for the gift bouquet of gift cards/lottery tickets raffle and expenses related to that endeavor which amounted to \$90. Larry Pollard moved to approve the treasurer's report with Dora Palmer seconding. Those in attendance voted favorably. Treas. Newsom said he expected any more memberships would just be trickling in as he felt the main response to our mailed solicitation has now ebbed after the initial influx.

It was learned that the audit conducted by Cheryl Jackson was completed and no problems with the previous treasurer's bookkeeping were found. The auditor's bill will be forthcoming.

It was reported that the bouquet of gift cards/chances had brought in \$1470 with a minimal expense of \$90 incurred for a total of \$1380. Teri Lukehart won the gift basket and had contacted Laurinda saying the lottery tickets had been worth \$24.00.

Sec. Weaver reported she had interviewed the Land Learning Foundation, emailed the story to the Chariton Co. Journal along with a photograph and expects the article to be printed either this week or next in the newspaper. The LLF was the Apr. Business of the Month.

Pres. Laurinda Littleton indicated she had taken the first donuts to the Keytesville Housing representative, Teri Grover who seemed pleased and delighted with the gesture. Pres. Littleton indicated she had an enjoyable chat with the woman and offered the Chamber's assistance in any way our group could be of service to the Keytesville Housing.

Pres. Littleton showed a sample copy of the newsletter she had drawn up and asked the publicity committee (Nancy Coy, Cele Sehlke, and Dora Palmer assisting with the publication) to see if they could not have the first of the quarterly newsletters done prior to the May meeting.

Pres. Littleton indicated that no further developments had occurred in dealing with the Conservation Dept. regarding the trail in the park or any further developments regarding the potential credit union business or the construction of affordable rental housing although the man she had spoken to from Marceline does definitely seem interested. In addition another man who builds four-plex structures seemed also interested.

Time lines were discussed regarding the Town Wide Garage Sale. Megan Fox reported she had put up color flyers about town that have the information as to how to sign up, the fee for signing up and the deadline for the same. In addition she had put notices in the county newspapers with the same information. Delaina had indicated 4 people had signed up so far at City Hall. Janet asked Laurinda if the information she had sent her was on the electronic sign and Laurinda indicated it would be this week. Janet will be checking at City Hall on the deadline day so that she can take that information to the Shopper at Brookfield for the appropriate edition of the paper in a timely fashion.

When maps are made at City Hall the distribution of the same will be to Casey's, the Bank, etc. for dispersal to people wishing to go to the various locations to shop at the sales. It was also noted that the Keytesville Lions Club planned to have their noon meal on May 6 at the Farmers' Market as well.

Pres. Littleton then spoke about an idea she had had regarding a Sally Hubbard Walk to show our appreciation to Sally Hubbard for the Sneed-Hubbard Trust she has recently established to benefit our town. It was hoped that this event could start in early May and conclude before the Fourth of July, starting at the Courthouse at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. back at the Courthouse with the ½ point perhaps being in front of the Hubbard residence with someone there to hand out drinks etc. Some additional discussion was held regarding banners for the tables at both places, water/Gatorade at the midway point, and how often to have the event per week and what days to have it. After some additional discussion it was thought Tues. and Thurs. would be the best days to have the event, and perhaps the Health Nurse's Office could even be involved to offer blood pressure checks etc. Advertising the event rapidly was also of importance, and possibly including an explanation about the Sneed-Hubbard Trust since one aspect of the trust promotes healthy life styles. The members at the meeting thought the concept was a good idea and well worth a try.

Janet Weaver moved that we go forward with the Sally Hubbard Walk, held two times per week (Tues and Thurs from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.), starting at the Courthouse and ending back at the Courthouse and consisting of at least one mile, including Sally Hubbard's childhood home as part of the walking path and that this event start May 2 and end before the 4th of July. Lowell Newsom seconded that motion and those present voted favorably.

Next business of the mo. Chariton Abstract/Title-- April donuts to: Keytesville Library.

The next meeting is to be held May 15, 2017 at The Café. Lowell Newsom moved the meeting adjourn with Nancy Coy seconding. All present voted favorably.