

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce met May 15, 2017, at noon at the Café with these members present: Rick Jones, Dora Palmer, Cele Sehlke, Laurinda Littleton, Larry Pollard and guest, Lowell Newsom, Nancy Coy, Megan Fox, Janet Weaver and Shirley Morris (attending later in the meeting).

President Littleton asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Cele Sehlke moved to approve and Lowell Newsom seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All present voted favorably.

Those present indicated they had received the secretary's minutes by email in addition to having copies distributed at the meeting. Lowell Newsom voted to approve the secretary's minutes with Megan Fox seconding the motion. All present voted favorably.

Lowell Newsom gave the treasurer's report indicating that the Chamber has a bank balance of \$3,729.36 as of 5/15/17. Dora Palmer asked about the bill from Cheryl Jackson for her audit of the previous treasurer's books. Since Lowell didn't have the invoice, he indicated he needed another one in order to pay the amount owed Cheryl.

Before hearing committee reports, Larry Pollard introduced his guest, a young woman from the St. Louis area, who was spending several days in our county.

Cele Sehlke, Dora Palmer, and Nancy Coy indicated they had been working on the requested newsletter and had a prototype which was shown. Some suggestions and corrections were made and the committee was told that 40 copies are needed. If members are responsible for taking several copies to the recipients no one person will be overly burdened in delivering all 40 copies to the 40 members of the Chamber. It was thought that hand delivering them will give the Chamber members a chance to network with the recipients and perhaps encourage more attendance at meetings and participation in events.

Sec. Weaver indicated she had interviewed the May business of the month—Chariton Abstract and Title Co. and that the article and picture should be in an upcoming Chariton Co. Journal as it had been submitted. The drawing was held for the June business of the month and it would be the Economic Development Board.

The next business member to receive the donuts for the month will be Farm Bureau as a result of the drawing for that.

A report on the garage sale was given by Megan Fox. All garage sale participants deemed the event was successful. 12 or 13 people were paid participants, however, there were a number of "pop up" garage sales in addition to those who paid.

A report was given on the Dr. Sally Hubbard Walk. So far the event is going well. Pres. Littleton thought perhaps to keep interest up and people motivated since the half way mark will be soon, that a prize of some sort could be given to people who accrue points by bringing a friend to walk. The person with the most points during a given time frame

would win a prize. She suggested a lawn chair. After a brief discussion, Janet Weaver, moved to award a lawn chair to the person who earns the most points for bringing additional walkers. Cele Sehlke seconded that motion. All present voted favorably.

It was learned that Nathan Asbury's Beauty Salon was going to open soon with one operator and it was hoped a second operator would be in place within a month or so. Chamber members want to have a ribbon cutting when there is a grand opening and it was decided to contact Asbury to find out when this event would be taking place.

Nominations were submitted for Volunteer of the Quarter. Those present selected Cheryl Jackson as the volunteer of the quarter. The suggestion was made that the Keytesville Fire Dept. should be named "Volunteers of the Quarter to coincide with Fire Prevention Month which is traditionally in Oct. It was also noted by Fire Chief Rick Jones that the Keytesville Fire Dept. had obtained a new firetruck.

Cele Sehlke reminded members that Sehlke Trucking has been in business for 70 years and she thought perhaps it was one of the oldest businesses in the county. Rick Jones indicated that Jones Insurance was equally as old. Someone else felt the Bank of Keytesville was also 70 or much older. Starting out as The Bank of Keytesville, it has changed hands numerous times, but subsequent owners based their time frame of being in business on the original Bank, of Keytesville's year of founding.

The next meeting is scheduled for Mon, June 19, 2017, at The Café. Cele Sehlke moved that the meeting be adjourned with Nancy Coy seconding. All present voted favorably.