

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce met Sept. 18, 2017, at the Café with these members present: Cele Sehlke, Nancy Coy, Megan Fox (VP acting as Pres.), Larry Pollard, Rick Jones, Bob Littleton, Susan Littleton, David Gaines, Lowell Newsom, Rob Wheeler, and Janet Weaver.

The meeting was called to order by Megan Fox. Nancy Coy moved to approve the agenda with Janet Weaver seconding that motion. All present approved that motion.

It was moved by Rick Jones and seconded by Larry Pollard to approve the Secretary's minutes from the August 22, 2017, meeting. Which had been sent by email. All present approved that motion.

Lowell Newsom, Treas. gave the treasurer's report. The fund raiser held during the month of August and culminating on Price Day, Sept. 8, 2017 netted \$345 in profit for the group. It was deemed successful.

Lowell reported these expenses for August: Web hosting membership/archiving to Mandy Webb \$125.00, an electronic check to the Secretary of State for annual registration \$10.00 for expenses totaling \$135.00 leaving a balance of \$3,438.86..

Received these dues: 4 Acres Nursery \$25.00, Gerald Friesz membership \$25.00, and a deposit of presold raffle tickets (prior to Price Day of the goose and goslings) \$80.00 for a balance of \$3568.86.as of 9/18/17. Nancy Coy moved to approve the treasurer's report with Rob Wheeler seconding. All present voted favorably.

Under old business Lowell brought it to the attention of the group that Nathan Asbury (owner of Blown Away Beauty Salon) would prefer that instead of the Chamber giving him \$150 for sign expenses for his new business as was voted to do in August 2017 upon the presentation of a receipt from Asbury for his expenses that we instead donate whatever amount we were going to give to the Lions Club to help that organization defray electrical expenses for operating the Xmas lights during the holiday season. Lowell Newsom moved to award the \$150 to the Lions Club on the behalf of Nathan Asbury with Larry Pollard seconding. All present voted favorably.

Megan Fox said that Laurinda Littleton had incurred \$207.50 in expenses for the green plastic glasses handed out from the Chamber of Commerce's booth on Price Day. Janet Weaver moved to pay that bill of \$207.50 with Susan Littleton seconding. All presented voted favorably.

Under new business Trunk or Treat was discussed. The date is Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017. between 5 and 7 p.m. with a rain date of Oct. 31, 2017 (Halloween 5-7 p.m.) All are hoping the rain date won't be needed.

Decorating in the park will start at 1:00 p.m. on 10-28-17. People were reminded to bring tape (likely duct), long extension cords (outdoor type) string, and other necessities for installing decorations. Dismantling the decorations will take place on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (the

following Saturday starting at 9:30 a.m.). It was announced that the streets around Price Park and the Keytesville Fire Dept. will be closed just as they were last year. Rick Jones announced the Fire Dept. would be open as it was last year for the serving of refreshments etc.

Under refreshment plans: Shirley Morris volunteered to donate: water, punch, hot chocolate for drinks. Janet was to ask Cheryl Jackson if she would again donate ice, and also contact Carolyn Craig and Christine Asbury about possibly donating hot dogs and buns as they did last year. Megan Fox to contact Casey's regarding pizzas, Bob Littleton mentioned that the City of Keytesville has the prize money the City won on the Xmas Window Decorating Contest last year which they had hoped to use in some way to help the Chamber so if there was anything that the Chamber needed, such as paper plates, paper cups, napkins, etc etc. or other supplies to let him know so the City could donate toward that cause. Cele Sehlke said Sehlke Trucking would donate the candy for the Chamber's part of the treats from the trunk and would hand them out. Janet Weaver indicated she would help with the drinks this year as she had at last year's event. Rick Jones said there was ice at the fire station if we needed more, cookers for the hot dogs, etc. which could be used.

Cele Sehlke said that the Chariton Co. Journal would be taking pictures of the event this year so that would help free up some Chamber members to help since they would not have to be taking pictures.

Megan Fox indicated she would print some flyers for the event, Lowell indicated he would type letters to be mailed to the various members, and Janet indicated she would email members using group email to remind them of the event and the plans for it. Cele was to look on her computer for the letter used last year to help Lowell out.

It is assumed the Lions Club will be providing hay rides again this year. That needs to be checked into.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Xmas Decorating Contest and Janet Weaver moved that the contest be held as it was last year with two categories: Business Window and Residential and the prize money be kept the same in each category: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place. Nancy Coy seconded that motion. All those in favor voted in favor of the Xmas Business Window and Residential Decorating Contest with those stipulations.

A drawing was held for the Business of the Month (winner—CCHT, Inc.) and the business to receive the donuts was Sehlke Trucking.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Café. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.