

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce met November 13, 2017, at The Café in Keytesville with these members present: Bob Littleton, Nancy Coy, Laurinda Littleton, Landon Alumbaugh, Clayton Enyeart, Rick Jones, Rob Wheeler, Lowell Newsom, Megan Fox, Larry Pollard, Dora Palmer, and Janet Weaver.

President Laurinda Littleton called the meeting to order. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Lowell Newsom with Megan Fox seconding. The motion was approved with all present voting favorably.

The motion to approve the secretary's minutes from the Oct. 2017 meeting was made by Nancy Coy and seconded by Rob Wheeler. The motion was approved with all present voting favorably.

Lowell Newsom gave the treasurer's report of a balance on hand of \$4,055.17. Janet Weaver moved to approve the treasurer's report with Rob Wheeler seconding the motion. The motion was approved with all members voting favorably.

A brief discussion was held about the Trunk or Treat event. Laurinda indicated she had heard the comment that it would be nice if there were more games next time. She also had ordered some more decorations for the park—large spiders etc. which can be stored at City Hall and Janet Weaver indicated she had personally purchased some ½ price items at Dollar General to add to the growing collection of decorations. Sec. Weaver sent thank you notes to both the Fire Dept. for the use of their facility for refreshments, and the Lions Club that provided the hay rides after the Trunk or Treat event. She returned unopened chocolate mix to The Café and unopened potato chips to Sherry's Place, unopened packages of hot dogs were returned to Carolyn Craig. The event was deemed a success despite very chilly weather. At least 23 vehicles were at the park participating.

The conversation then turned to the Christmas Decorating Contest. Once again there will be two categories (business and residential) and the prizes for each category will be \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. Laurinda had talked with both Stephanie Reische and Barb Latamondeer and had come up with some activities to kick off the Christmas in Keytesville—Candy Cane Winter Wonderland. Some of the activities proposed include: a tree lighting ceremony, some local vocalists and/or church carolers, maybe the Keytesville HS Band, ie. music and singing at the tree lighting ceremony (to be held after the Lions Club event concludes that afternoon at the school). Later there would be a parade of decorated golf carts or UTVs, with a \$100 first place winner and \$50 second place winner (with the Chamber sponsoring that event's prizes), and also a chili supper sponsored by the Keytesville Swim Club. There is a possibility that some people from Marceline who have Clydesdales would offer cart rides. Megan Fox volunteered to have maps available for decorated houses and businesses so that those who wanted to drive around and look at the participants' Christmas decorations could do so. Rick Jones volunteered the Fire Station as a place for hot chocolate and coffee with the Fire Dept. in charge of the beverages. Tammy Littleton has various flavored popcorn that she may have for sale.

Members were enthusiastic about the idea of Candy Cane Winter Wonderland and moved to proceed with the plans with Lowell Newsom moving to do so and Megan Fox seconding that

motion. All present voted favorably to proceed with the plans for the expanded Christmas event scheduled for Dec. 16,2017.

Members had received the newsletter over the internet and were pleased with its content and design. A "Thank You" to Dora Palmer and Nancy Coy who were present was given.

Landon Alumbaugh, Laurinda's guest at the meeting, joined the Chamber of Commerce, so our membership continues to grow.

Also under new business the next recipient of the donuts for the month was Dennis Neidholdt of Neidholdt Pecans and the Business of the Month for November was Sherry's Place in Keytesville. Janet Weaver would write the article about Sherry's Place and get a photograph of Sherry for the newspaper.

The date for the next Chamber meeting is Dec. 18 2017, Lowell Newsom moved to adjourn and Megan Fox seconded the motion. All in attendance approved.