

KEYTESVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2015

Present: Susan Littleton, Janet Weaver, Robert Wheeler, Amanda Webb, Chris Hughes, Donna Gheens, Nathan Asbury, Lowell Newsom, Cele Sehlke, Dora Palmer

Meeting was called to order by President Cele Sehlke. Robert Wheeler moved, seconded by Susan Littleton to approve the agenda and the minutes as read. All in favor

Susan Littleton gave the financial report. Balances on hand are \$505.90.

Mention was made that the City of Keytesville has received a demolition grant for 2016 that will provide most of the expense on properties to be demolished. Owners would possibly have to pay \$1,000 for their share of the demolition.

The survey that was done earlier was also discussed. Some of the items that were suggested by members are that the agenda be distributed to them prior to the meeting and that we develop a strategic plan.

Cele reported that the Trivia Night where we listed businesses was a success with good responses.

Website – the old website was discussed. Currently we can be on the City of Keytesville’s website for approximately \$75 / year. There was discussion on whether to proceed with our own separate website. Chris Hughes and Lowell Newsom offered to donate/pledge the money required to do this. Janet moved, seconded by Donna Gheens to table this until we get a status update from Amanda Webb at the next meeting. All in favor

Mention was made about getting a Facebook page.

City Wide Garage Sales – The city wide garage sales are scheduled for May 9th. The Chamber had sponsored this in the past but in recent years, the Lions Club had been doing it. The Lions Club will be serving food that day with their proceeds going to the FFA Washington Leadership Conference expenses. Their next meeting is April 2nd. Discussion was held on how to advertise the city wide garage sale event. Flyers, Facebook, electric sign at the junction of 5 & 24 and ads in the newspaper were discussed. A 2 x 2 ad in the Shopper is \$36 and the front page is \$50.46. Janet moved that we place the 2 x 2 ad for \$36 in the Shopper. Lowell Newsom seconded. All in favor

Discussion of the by-laws was moved to next meeting so everyone could have the opportunity to look them over fully.

After Prom Party – there was a request for a donation to the Keytesville After Prom Party. Robert Wheeler moved, seconded by Lowell Newsom to donate \$25 to the alcohol and drug free event. All in favor

Lowell Newsom, Certified Economic Specialist, announced that there is to be a Chariton County Community Economic Development Forum on March 24, 2015 at the Keytesville High School. Chamber members, civic groups, community boosters, mayors, local school board members and school administrators have all been invited to attend. It will last approximately 1.5 hours with breaks.

Trish Savage with the Extension will be hosting Finance Workshops on April 6th, 13th, and 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Blue Room of the courthouse. The first session will be on Relationships/money, the second session will be on Spending Plan & Budgets and the final session is on Setting up Record Keeping. Interested parties need to sign up by April 2nd with the extension office and the cost is \$25 for all three sessions.

The next meeting will be April 20th at Mel’s Place at 6:30 pm.

Janet Weaver moved seconded by Nathan Asbury to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Minutes taken by Dora E. Palmer _____