

**KEYTESVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**MINUTES – MAY 16, 2016**

Present: Cecelia Sehlke, Megan Fox, Lowell Newsom, Amanda Webb, Larry Pollard, Janet Weaver, Susan Littleton, Bob Littleton, Robert Wheeler and Dora Palmer

Guests: Josh Shoemaker, new superintendent and Vicki Enyart, new principal from the Keytesville R-3

Meeting was called to order by Cele Sehlke at 12:10 pm at Little Italy.

Lowell moved seconded by Rob to approve the agenda with one change. All in favor

President Sehlke introduced our 2 guest speakers. Mr. Josh Shoemaker has been our principal and is stepping up to the role of superintendent for the 2016-2017 school year. He gave us an update on what is happening at the school. He reports that things are going well. The kids were having a bowling day today.

They are looking at doing some capital improvements this summer with heating/cooling and windows. They are getting new playground equipment. The old equipment will be sold by silent auction.

He was asked about the 95310 program (a joint venture with the Lions). He reported that the program is going well. This program is 95% attendance, 3.1 GPA and 0 disciplinary actions. They kids that meet this get treated to pizza that is sponsored by the Lions Club. Out of 65 in the high school, 43 on average qualify for this treat.

The student council holds a raffle each year to raise money. Part of this money is used to purchase a Christmas gift for every child in P-G5.

He was asked about the move to the CLAA conference. He said the transition has been very smooth. The school did co-op with Brunswick for baseball and softball. He reported that there was a lot of concern on both schools about doing this but that it had gone very well. He reported that there is no discussion being held in regards to cop-op for basketball.

The Buddy Pack program is going well. He wishes more would take advantage of this opportunity. There is no summer school here this year. Marceline will be having the summer school for this area.

Keytesville R-3 continues to rank at the top for technology compared to other schools in the area. We have top of the line in most of our technology. Most computers at the school are no older than 2 years. The school is adding back a business program for the 2016-2017 school year. While a lot of schools are now providing all their students with iPads, there is no plan at this time for KHS students to get them. Mr. Shoemaker reported that if there was a good plan or program that would show a need, it would be an avenue that would be explored.

Josh reported that they are trying to get teachers with connections to the area so that they can retain them for more than a year or so.

Ms. Enyart introduced herself to us. She is from the Brookfield area and is looking forward to working with KHS this coming year. She has been in education for a long time and feels that KHS is the place she wants to go. She is impressed with the students and agrees that the technology is way ahead of most area schools.

We thanked them for the updates and look forward to hearing more from them in the future. The Chamber looks forward to partnering with the school in future endeavors as they arise.

Megan moved seconded by Lowell to approve the minutes. All in favor

Treasurer's report - \$1,909.40. Bills presented were:

- \$472 (\$471 and some cents) for the gun we raffled off
- A bill \$75 for Amanda Webb for the internet page we have
- A bill for \$15 for membership with the Chariton County Heritage Tours group
- There will be a bill for the ad in the Shopper for the Garage Sale Ad

Audit - Items are almost ready to go to Cheryl for review

Profit from Gun Raffle - John Moser was the winner of the Henry Rifle. He was very excited about winning and reported that he had never won anything in his life. Our profit was just under \$68.00. While we didn't make a lot, we feel in the future with a little more planning and preparation we could have a much better result.

990 - Dora reported that Pam Fuemmeler has filed the 990 for us and did not charge the Chamber for the ~~service~~.

Membership report - currently have 31 members and are expecting at least 1 more

Website/Publicity/History - Amanda reports that the archives are active on the website. She asked that if we had any of the early press releases etc. to send them to her and she would get them loaded.

City Connections - Demolition inspectors have been in town doing the initial inspection. He reports a few bumps but nothing that can't be overcome. Everything is still on schedule for a late spring or early start. It is still anticipated that the downtown will be down, cleaned up and reseeded by Price Day.

Events - Megan handed out a list of fund raiser ideas and events that are on the planning board for this year. She reported that she had spoken with Janice Pearman about partnering with them for Trunk or Treat in October and she was very excited about us doing that.

Grant - Janet reported that she is on the lookout for some. She is trying to get information on the KCPL grant that we just missed the deadline on last year. Bob Littleton reported that he had not seen it yet but he would look. He also mentioned a park and recreation grant that she will check into.

Networking - nothing to report

City Wide Garage Sales -

- Ad has been placed in the paper. The cost of the ad in the Shopper is double of what it was last year.
- Megan reports that Delaina is doing the maps at City Hall. Megan will pick them up Tuesday and get them distributed out to the places.
- Megan has fliers that she will be placing around town.
- Terry Sehlke is going to see that we get radio mention on the community spots
- Janet is going to get it on the electronic sign - hopefully DOT will not object to it.
- There is a softball tournament in town the same day - may get more people because of tis.



➤ Lions are sponsoring food

New business –

Cele reported that she has been in discussion with Nathan Asbury regarding a possible wine stroll sponsored by the Lions. She gave him the information we had gathered earlier. Cele suggested to him that maybe since we do not have a downtown business area to stroll that they might be able to do a "Wine in the park after dark" theme. They could offer trolley rides around to the historic places in town and perhaps have a hayride. Robbie suggested possibly a craft beer event.

Cele reported that there will be a mechanical bull at Price Day this year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next meeting will be June 20 at noon at The Café.

Minutes taken by Dora E. Palmer Dora E. Palmer