

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce met July 17th at The Caf  with these people present: Rick Jones, Clayton Enyeart, David Gaines, Laurinda Littleton, Stephanie Reische, Susan Littleton, Bob Littleton, Larry Pollard, Lowell Newsom, Nancy Coy, Megan Fox, and Janet Weaver.

Pres.Laurinda Littleton asked that a motion be made to approve the agenda. Janet Weaver moved to approve the agenda with Nancy Coy seconding. All present voted favorably.

Janet Weaver read the secretary's report from the June 19 meeting that had been taken by Nancy Coy in Janet's absence. Susan Littleton moved to approve the minutes with Rick Jones seconding. All present voted favorably.

Lowell Newsom did not have an official treasurer's report but instead indicated the same figures apply this month as last as there were no transactions during that time period. Laurinda presented Lowell with some bills related to the Sally Hubbard Walk.

Lowell introduced David Gaines who will be working with Economic Development and doing many things Lowell has been doing for the previous four years.. David has worked in Montgomery City for 2 ½ yrs. and with Moberly for 5 ½ years before starting his own consulting firm. One thing that both he and Lowell have been working on is a certified work ready site listing for Salisbury. This is a project that does all the research required such as site surveys, environmental studies, and myriad other tasks and then compiles this information so that should a business be interested in locating in that area, they (the business) does not have to do all the legwork themselves but the necessary information is compiled and ready for them. Members welcomed David Gaines to our county and look forward to having him join us at meetings.

Under old business, Mayor Littleton said that he thought the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new beauty shop owned by Nathan Asbury would occur as soon as the side walk is repaired and made presentable—likely within a few weeks.

Laurinda said that Dora had informed her that the newsletter was still being tweaked but should be ready within days. Due to a misunderstanding about some information, Dora was having to redo part of the newsletter.

Janet Weaver gave a short review of the Sally Hubbard Walk saying that the final activity consisted of a nice lunch served at the Farmer's Market. She thought 30 people or so ate lunch that day and she did not hear any negative comments about the event. Most people were pleased with it and were expressing hopes that it could be repeated next year. . Only two people completed all 18 walks, so the two people in the final running for the Fitbit were Sharon Gndy and Rachel Nissing with Rachel Nissing being the lucky winner.

Sterling Price Days is Sept. 8, 9, and 10th so some suggestions were entertained about the role the Chamber would play in Price Days. Lowell Newsom indicated that if we wanted to do a fund raiser, he had a table that was owned by his father, the late Donald Newsom,

that was a limited edition specimen from Ducks Unlimited (valued at approximately \$500) that he would be willing to donate for the Chamber to sell chances on if the group wanted to do that. While some in the group were ambivalent about having another fund raiser, ultimately after Pres Littleton spoke about ideas she had for events next year, and the need for funds to help finance those things, the group decided to proceed with the fund raiser for Price Day. Janet Weaver moved that we sell raffle tickets on the Ducks Unlimited Table with Rick Jones seconding. All present voted favorably. The fund raising committee will meet to orchestrate the printing of tickets, scheduling of shifts to sell tickets at Price Day and the advance sales of tickets.

The question then was raised about the price of the chances and Rick Jones moved that the tickets be sold for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. Lowell Newsom seconded that motion and all present voted favorably. Lowell was going to ask Dora about the possibility of displaying the table in the lobby of the Regional MO Bank prior to Price Day so people could see what it looks like.

Trunk or Treat will be held Oct. 28, 2017 at Price Park and the Keytesville Fire Station.

Under new business, Laurinda spoke about some ideas she had for next year, such as a Keytesville Chamber of Commerce Day complete with entertainment and activities plus featuring booths representing the various members. She also is still thinking that selling chances on a "Date Night" (expenses paid for a meal either from the Café or Casey's) and is another option to consider. Members were to think about these factors about how to raise money to do the activities we decide to do for next year and to look over the handout she distributed about fund raising.

Pres. Littleton wondered about the Chamber doing a gift of some sort for a new business that was opening its doors in Keytesville—for example maybe the Chamber would pay that business' water bill for the first month as a welcoming gesture. After some discussion, another member mentioned maybe our group could help defray the expenditure for a sign for the business especially if somewhere on the sign the words were "Member of Keytesville Chamber of Commerce". Janet Weaver moved that our group assist with the sign for a new business up to \$150 with the stipulation that the "Member of the Keytesville Chamber of Commerce" appear on the sign. Nancy Coy seconded the motion. All present voted favorably.

Drawings were held for the donuts of the month—the winner Land Learning Foundation, and the business of the month for Aug. was Nathan Asbury's Beauty Salon. It was acknowledged that the next Volunteer(s) of the Quarter would be the Keytesville Fire Department and will be featured in the month of October.

Susan Littleton gave a brief progress report on the Maxwell Taylor Park and Larry Pollard mentioned that the annual Golf Tournament was going to be held the second week of Aug. by the Chariton Co. Foundation. Rick Jones announced that the Keytesville Fire Dept. has a Facebook page now. The Chariton Co. Economic Development group has a new website as well.

The next Chamber meeting will be August 22, a Tues., so as not to interfere with the Eclipse which is supposed to be Aug. 21. Rick Jones moved the meeting adjourn with Larry Pollard seconding. All present voted favorably.