

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce met August 22, 2017, at the Café with these members present: Gerald Friesz, Megan Fox, Laurinda Littleton, Lowell Newsom, Rob Wheeler, Clayton Enyeart, Rick Jones, David Gaines, Susan Littleton, Larry Pollard, and Janet Weaver.

The meeting was called to order by Laurinda Littleton. Megan Fox moved to approve the agenda and Clayton Enyeart seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Larry Pollard moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting sent by email. Lowell Newsom seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Lowell Newsom gave the Treasurer's Report indicating the following bills had been paid: Website bill to Mandy Web: \$125.00 (which includes the archiving), an electronic check to the Sec. of State for \$10.50 leaving \$3438.86 and one new member was added: 4 Acres Nursery @ \$25.00 making our balance now \$3463.86. Larry Pollard moved to approve the Treasurer's report with Rob Wheeler seconding. All voted in favor.

An update was given on the filing fees for the Chamber. Janet Weaver had the document which showed that the IRS filing fee had been done by Dora Palmer. Megan had contacted Pam Fuemmeler and had done the filing with the Sec. of State of MO. Both are now completed for the year.

The open house for the Blown Away Beauty Salon is scheduled for August 26, 2017. Members are to arrive at 9:50 for the photo opportunity at 10:00. Ribbon cutting will take place at 10:00 a.m. Laurinda has procured large scissors and ribbon for the event. Lowell had not asked Nathan the cost of the sign (which at the July meeting the Chamber voted to help defray signage costs on any new business that was a Chamber member if the sign included that the new business was a Keytesville Chamber of Commerce Member up to \$150). Lowell would find that out by the next meeting.

Laurinda indicated her daughter-in-law Cheryl Littleton had the capability to make a decal to affix to the sign rather than having to paint that info on the already installed sign at the new beauty salon at Janet Weaver's suggestion. The thought being it would be simpler to install a decal than to paint more info on an already installed sign.

Discussion was held regarding Sterling Price Day activities. Janet Weaver shared an email sent to the Keytesville Website which was expressing quite negative sentiments regarding the event. While all in attendance hope nothing untoward occurs at our fall festival, we should be aware and vigilant that there is a distinct possibility it could.

Further discussion was held regarding the fund raiser the Chamber is planning for Sterling Price Days. It has been requested from the S.P. Committee that the Chamber booth and the Friends of Keytesville booth be placed side by side to facilitate both groups assisting each other. Additional chances were passed out to members regarding the Ducks Unlimited Statue being raffled that was donated by member Lowell Newsom.

Laurinda suggested that besides our sign we need a poster that outlines what the Chamber has done during the past year. In addition David Gaines suggested that a phone app could be used to convey this information in an easy format. Members favored that approach, Laurinda would check into the phone app.

Susan Littleton nominated Rick Jones to check into promotional give away items for our booth for Price Day using his own judgement as to what might be popular with a price limit of \$200. Lowell Newsom seconded the motion. All present voted favorably.

Discussion was tabled until the Sept. meeting on the Trunk or Treat event scheduled for Oct. 28.

Drawings were held for the donuts (winner L and W Investments) and Business of the MO. for Sept. (Chris Hughes—Juvenile Officer).

Rick Jones announced that there would be a Truck and Tractor Night at the school August 30, 2017, starting at 5:30 and ending at 7:30 p.m. He said it was a very popular event and that the school students were always quite interested in the different vehicles that were displayed.

Rick Jones also indicated that the Fire Dept. was planning to wash the streets Sept. 6, 2017, in preparation for Sterling Price Day.

Janet Weaver announced that KMOS TV would be at the museum on Thurs., August 24, 2017, to interview her regarding General Maxwell Taylor as part of the package program that the Chariton Co. Economic Development Board had sponsored (the 4 page spread in MO LIFE MAGAZINE featuring Chariton County.) Her part would be to give information on one of Chariton County's favorite sons: General Maxwell Taylor. The program is to be broadcast sometime in Oct. on PBS stations throughout MO.

Our next meeting will be Sept. 18, 2017 at noon at The Café

David Gaines moved to adjourn the meeting with no dissenting votes.