

KEYTESVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015

Present: Cele Sehlke, Lowell Newsom, Amanda Webb, Janet Weaver, Robert Wheeler, Ardyth Delaney, Shirley Morris and Dora Palmer

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Lowell moved seconded by Janet to approve the agenda as amended. All in Favor

Robert moved seconded by Lowell to approve the minutes as presented. All in Favor

Dora gave the treasurer report in the absence of treasurer Susan Littleton.

- Balance on hand \$579.40
- Income - \$15.00 from Lions Club and \$30.00 from Lowell Newsom
- Expense - \$15.50 for annual registration with the state

Cele reported that Pam Fuemmeler has taken care of our IRS Tax filing. Terry Clark had taken care of this in the past and we were unaware that it had not been done. This will need to be an annual item that will need to be taken care of each year as it is due after December 31st each year.

Cele thanked Shirley for allowing us to meet in the back room of the Café.

Meeting Time – Discussion was held on whether to continue to meet at night or to try a noon meeting to see if we can get more members active. Lowell moved seconded by Janet that we move our meeting to noon starting with the December 14th meeting. We will hold it at The Café also. All in favor

Lowell – Lowell reported that he had taken an excursion to Kansas City to meet with the mayor pro-tem regarding trying to get Ford to move a distribution center to Chariton County. He also reported that Michael Bristow is working on the prototype for his new venture and securing a patent. He reported on that we are the 14th county in Missouri to become work force certified and that Governor Jay Nixon will come here to give us the award. Lowell reported that it was quite an undertaking to get this certification as all the seniors in the county and some juniors had to take the test. Along with them, 54 adults who were either unemployed or seeking to change careers also had to take the certification test. There are currently 22 states in the program with a total of 70 counties participating.

Business of the month/volunteer of the quarter – Cele reported that the article for the November business was done and she was working on the volunteer article. The article will come out in the paper and be on the website.

Web Page – Reminder to everyone to make sure Amanda gets any chamber news that can be placed on the web page.

Demo Grant Report – postponed until next meeting as Bob was not present to give the report. We still cannot publish anything official on this until the official announcement is made.

Trunk or Treat – the Trunk or Treat event was discussed. Even though the chamber did not sponsor this, there was some interest that it might be a good activity for us to be involved in next year. Robert suggested that we might want to do a hayride as a money maker. Cele reported that in another town they had taken tours of the town showing off historic sights, Christmas lights etc. and mentioned that we have a trolley and that we might be able to do something like this depending on weather.

Ornaments – Amanda showed us the flyer that they are going to be putting up advertising the ornaments that we have left to see if we can sell some of them. They will be available at the bank.

Employment Workshop – Cele reported seeing an advertisement in the Shopper for a business/employment workshop by Jack Wilhoit to be held on November 21. The fee is \$15 unless you are a veteran and then it is free. It is at the community center in Keytesville.

Committees – time to start thinking about committees for next year.

It was discussed to push the membership mailing until January 1 so that it doesn't get lost in the Christmas shuffle. The letters will go out and be due back by our February meeting date. We will want to include a tear off piece to get membership information such as emails so that Dora can use email more for member notifications. Lowell moved seconded by Janet to move the drive to January. All in favor

Lowell moved seconded by Robert to adjourn at 7:35 pm. All in Favor

Next meeting – December 14th at noon at The Café in Keytesville

Minutes taken by Secretary Dora Palmer _____