

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce met on December 18, 2017, at noon at The Café with these members attending: Larry Pollard, Rick Jones, Megan Fox, Landon Alumbaugh, Laurinda Littleton, Carla Watts, Lowell Newsom, Clayton Enyeart, Susan Littleton and Janet Weaver in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Laurinda Littleton. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Megan Fox and seconded by Lowell Newsom. The motion carried with all present voting favorably.

The motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Lowell Newsom and seconded by Rick Jones. The motion to approve the secretary's report carried with all present voting favorably.

The Treasurer's report was given by Lowell Newsom. The bank balance was \$4130.00 A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Rick Jones and seconded by Clayton Enyeart. The motion carried with all present voting favorably.

President Littleton presented some bills incurred by the Winter Wonderland/Candy Cane event. She indicated any the Chamber felt did not deserve to be paid or might be too expensive, she was willing to personally pay for. Members indicated that our group has a decent amount of money and that no expenses incurred for the Winter/Christmas event should be borne by the President of the Chamber. A motion was made by Megan Fox and seconded by Lowell Newsom that Pres. Littleton should be reimbursed for all her expenses in conjunction with the Winter/Christmas Event. All present voted favorably A list of expenses incurred by Pres. Littleton was presented to Treas. Newsom so he could reimburse her..

Treasurer Lowell Newsom was given a list of people who should be awarded checks for the Business Window Decorating contest: Friends of Keytesville (Price Museum) \$100 for first, MO Regional Bank-Keytesville \$50 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Keytesville Library \$25 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Residential winners were: Georgia & Eddie Smith \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup>, Marilyn Calvert \$50 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Barb Latamondeer \$25 for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Discussion centered on the outcome of the Winter Wonderland/Candy Cane event with a great number of positive comments received. To date, NO negative comments have been received. Therefore the Chamber's first effort at having this kind of event with the singers, tree lighting, parade of decorated golf carts and 4 wheelers, coffee served by the Library, Hot chocolate by the Fire Dept., the Lions participating in the tree lighting ceremony and decorating of the park, and the Swim Club serving chili and soup, with Clayton Enyeart providing seasonal music and providing the sound system etc. was deemed a rousing success. The consensus is that the public seemingly had a great time and definitely wants this event to happen again next year.

Membership letters will be sent out again for 2018 in January and several new businesses or likely members will be invited to join our group. Among some of the new businesses or established businesses that will be asked to join include: Twisted Sisters, Just Friends

Photography, Mystic Easel, Broken Arrow Photography, Littleton Trucking, Inc. (Jr. Littleton), Plaid Parlor, SC Sweet Treats, Cuddle Critter Raggies Once again a drawing will occur in which the winner gets a free membership for the year 2019.

Members were reminded that a new slate of officers will be needed for the next year with the assumption of office at the Jan. 2018 meeting. Lowell Newsom indicated he would prefer not to be Treasurer next year, and Megan Fox also stated she did not want to be Vice-President next year. Laurinda has agreed to serve another year as President and Janet Weaver indicated she would be Secretary for another year. Carla Watts stated she would agree to be the new treasurer, so the new VP position is still open and needs to be filled.

The by-laws call for the financial records to be audited at the end of the year, and Janet Weaver moved that our group get Cheryl Jackson to audit the books, with Larry Pollard seconding. She did it before and charges a reasonable amount. The members present all voted favorably to get Cheryl Jackson to audit the financial records.

Drawing was held for the free donuts. Susan Littleton was the winner. Business of the month was Dennis Neidholdt (Neidholdt Pecans). Laurinda indicated she had not been able to make contact with him to give him last month's free donuts; Sec. Weaver indicated she would try to do that when she managed to get him for the interview for business of the month.

Since Martin Luther King Day is observed on Mon., Jan. 15, 2018, which is our regular meeting date, the meeting was postponed until Tues., Jan. 16, 2018 at noon at The Café.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lowell Newsom and seconded by Rick Jones. All present voted favorably.