

Keytesville Chamber of Commerce Meeting—Feb. 13, 2017

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce met, Feb. 13, 2017, at the Café with these members in attendance: Lowell Newsom, Clayton Enyeart, Cele Sehlke, Megan Fox, Nathan Asbury, Dora Palmer, Rick Jones, Larry Pollard, Rob Wheeler, and Janet Weaver.

The first part of the meeting was called to order by Pres. Cele Sehlke who asked for the approval of the nominee for the Chamber's new president, Laurinda Littleton. Nathan Asbury moved to accept Laurinda's nomination for that office with Dora Palmer seconding the motion. All members present voted favorably.

It was moved by Rick Jones for the first part of the meeting to be adjourned. Dora Palmer seconded that motion. All present voted in favor of the first session of the meeting to be adjourned and for the second session to begin.

Vice-President Megan Fox, in the absence of the new president, Laurinda Littleton called the meeting to order. She asked for the approval of the agenda. Lowell Newsom moved to approve the agenda for the meeting with Larry Pollard seconding. All present voted favorably.

Dora Palmer presented the secretary's report for approval. Larry Pollard moved to approve the secretary's report with Cele Sehlke seconding that motion. All present voted favorably to accept the secretary's report.

Lowell Newsom presented the treasurer's report. It was reported that the membership letters had been mailed, with some dues having been received already. It was also noted that Cheryl Jackson still has the treasurer's books and is completing her audit of the same.

Lowell reported a beginning balance of \$1640.74 (12-12-16) with revenues of \$100 (Jesse McKenzie/ Xmas decorating contest, and \$50 (Norman Bentley Xmas decorating contest). Expenses were: Jesse McKenzie \$100 Xmas Decorating contest, \$50 Norman Bentley Xmas decorating contest, \$25 Eddie Smith Xmas decorating contest (home owners) and \$100 City of Keytesville (Xmas decorating contest), \$50 Friends of Keytesville (Xmas Decorating Contest) and \$25 Keytesville Library (Xmas Decorating Contest (business participants) for a total expenditure of \$350.

Balance on hand 1-18-2017 was \$1440.74

Since that time memberships had been received from Sehlke Trucking \$25 and Robert Wheeler \$25.00 making the balance \$1490.74 for 2-13-17.

An appeal was received from Deb Littleton asking for a donation to the after Prom Party. Cele Sehlke moved to donate \$50, Clayton Enyeart moved to second that motion. All present voted favorably.

Speaking on behalf of the Lions Club, Nathan Asbury said that the Lions are actively seeking teams to participate in the upcoming Trivia Night which is the big fund raiser for the year for the Lions Club. Mention was made about the ad the Chamber of Commerce had purchased for last year's event and the positive feed-back it had received by those in attendance. Janet Weaver moved that we spend \$50 to purchase another ad for the upcoming Trivia Night event. Cele Sehlke seconded that motion. Those present voted favorably.

The possibility of the Chamber having a raffle table in the lobby was discussed but it was decided not to pursue that since the event is the MAIN fund raiser for the Lions and this might detract from their total profit that evening.

Acting President Megan Fox asked for a review of the standing committees and asked if anyone wanted to be on a different committee or if there was any ideas for ways that committees could be more productive. Larry Pollard volunteered to remain on the Networking Committee, Janet Weaver said she would prefer being on the Fund Raising committee, and Cele Sehlke said she liked doing research regarding available grants.

Janet Weaver indicated she had completed the interview with Sycamore Valley B and B (a business of the month selected a few months back that had not yet been featured) and said the interview and photograph should be in the next week's newspaper.

Since the list of businesses was not available, Janet volunteered to conduct the interview with Attorney Cliff Thornburg who was also one that had been selected that had not had his interview completed at this point. Rick Jones mentioned that the best time to catch Thornburg was on Mon., Tues. or Thurs.(at his office next to Shelter Ins.)

The volunteer of the quarter is Michael Sehlke and he has agreed to an interview which will appear in the newspaper soon. Janet will make arrangements to interview Michael.

Emmerich Chiropractic has the date of April 2017 to be vacating his building and it will be for sale. Possibilities for the building are being discussed but nothing is final at this point since he has not vacated.

Nathan Asbury discussed his refurbished building on Ridge St. which was a former barber shop. He is planning to rent it out as a beauty salon. When the shop is opened and in operation, the chamber members were in agreement that a ribbon cutting ceremony would be in order. Nathan indicated he would keep our group advised so that ceremony could happen.

Next meeting set for Mar. 20, 2017, at noon at the Café. Larry Pollard moved to adjourn with Nathan Asbury seconding. All present voted favorably.

