

# Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting

April 13, 2016

4:30p.m.

LG Town Hall

## Minutes

**Call to Order by:** Jerry Yates

**Pledge:** Michael Gordon

**Prayer:** Michael Gordon

**Minutes approved:** 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Roxann Yates

**Financials approved:** 1<sup>st</sup> Season Stillion 2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Bowerin

### Board News:

1. SWOT: We will focus on what Tami McKeon has to offer. To see an example of what Grand Gateway has to offer regarding economic development, take a look at this website: <http://aeped.com/what-we-do/community-development/>
2. Founders Day, May 14: Applications for booths/activities have begun coming in. The committee is working to keep things organized so that all who plan activities that day are communicating those plans. Business owners are being asked to have sales that day, if possible. A couple of Board members will be at RSU on May 11 to talk to students about helping at Founders Day. The next Founders Day committee meeting will be April 14 at 5:00 at Town Hall.
3. Nonprofit status is moving along. The application for 501(c)(6) status was mailed April 13, 2016.
4. Insurance: The existing insurance had to be renewed due to time constraints, but the hunt for cheaper insurance goes on.
5. June elections: Three Board memberships will be up for election (currently occupied by Betty Perkins, Vicki Herr and Toni Turner), as well as Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-President.
6. Meeting time/day: Starting with the new fiscal year in July, we will shift Board meeting time to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and the regular Chamber meeting time to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, both to be at 5:30 at Town Hall.
7. Mayes County Farmers Market: On April 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a forum at 6:30 at the county fairgrounds to discuss with suppliers and consumers the desire for a farmer's market in the county and how to make it successful. Need someone to go to see what it would take to have a farmer's market in LG.
8. Mayes County/Locust Grove Clean-up Days: Locust Grove's cleanup day will be

Saturday, April 30 8:00a.m.-noon at the parking lot west of the football field. Must have LG PWA statement and an I.D. Those outside of town can participate in the county cleanup on Saturday and Sunday April 23-24, utilizing dumpsters set up around the county as well as free dumping 8:00-5:00 Saturday and 8:00-2:00 Sunday at the Pryor Waste & Recycling Transfer Station on S430 Rd.

9. Easter egg hunt: The town's Easter egg hunt was held March 26 on the Middle School lawn. It was co-sponsored by the Chamber and the LG Ministerial Alliance.

### **New Business:**

1. Volunteers are needed for Founders Day and all are invited to join the committee meetings to add their input. We need help in both planning and implementation!
2. Volunteer(s) needed to go to the Farmers Market Forum.
3. Additional participants desired in the SWOT process.
4. Candidates for office needed. Pick up forms from Marsha (they will also be emailed to everyone) and get them back to her by May's Chamber meeting. Candidate information will then be sent to members so everyone can be an informed voter at the election in June.
5. May 1-7 is National Small Business Week. A new workshop by Liberty Shere of Northeast Technology Center on Advertising Your Business on Google is in the works for that week. Details will be sent out when they are finalized.
6. Keep Oklahoma Beautiful's fresh paint effort will be launched in a month or so and will need participation.
7. Those entering turtles in the turtle races should not use paint or glue anything to the shells because it will inhibit growth of that part of the shell.
8. LGAA will be raffling 2 Adirondack chairs and tables during their activities at Founders Day.

The next Chamber meeting will be May 11, 2016 at 4:30p.m. at Town Hall.