

Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting

June 21, 2016

6:00p.m.

VFW Hall

Minutes

Call to Order by: Jerry Yates

Pledge: Jerry Yates

Prayer: Debby Perry

Minutes approved: 1st Jennifer Henson 2nd Kelly Palmer

Financials approved: 1st Roxann Yates 2nd Debby Perry

New Business:

1 The following were elected to an office or the Board:

2 Vice-President Shaun Perkins

3 Treasurer Jennifer Henson

4 Secretary Marsha Evans

5 Board Class 2017 Kate Bowerin

6 Board Class 2019 Jeff Kerr

7 Board Class 2019 Jerry Yates

8 Continuing Board members:

9 Board Class 2017 Roxann Yates

10 Board Class 2018 Debby Perry

11 Board Class 2018 Theresa Menecke

12 President and Chairperson of the Board will be elected at the July Board meeting and all officers/Board members will be sworn in then.

13 The possibility of hosting a marathon was discussed. There seems to be strong interest in doing it. The Hope Coalition can sponsor up to \$500 for a marathon. Since a marathon would mean a lot of outsiders coming to our town, we could have a one day "Swab the Deck Day" to encourage everyone to do their part to help the town to look its best.

14 The Board will vote in July on whether or not to raise dues to \$10 for individuals and nonprofits and \$50 for businesses.

15 If we are going to participate in PSO's "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful" campaign, we need to identify a building to paint and fix up. The deadline for entering an application is July 31.

16The Locust Grove, Oklahoma Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is now a 501(c)(6), which means that it does not have to pay income taxes. It does not mean that donations are tax deductible for the donor.

17Board meetings will continue to be held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 4:30.

18Tami McKeon of Grand Gateway helped us to do some more work on looking at local strengths, weaknesses and possible “low hanging fruit” that could be acted on. She suggested checking out lisc.org to see what that organization does with poorer rural communities.

Motion to adjourn: 1st Debby Perry 2nd Theresa Menecke

The next Chamber meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6:00p.m. at a location to be determined.