

Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting

September 20, 2016

6:00p.m.

VFW Hall

Minutes

Call to Order by: Shaun Perkins

Pledge: Shaun Perkins

Prayer: Joel Powell

Minutes approved: 1st Jennifer Hensen 2nd Joel Powell

Financials approved: 1st Kelly Palmer 2nd Marsha Evans

Officers:

President – Jerry Yates

Vice-President – Shaun Perkins

Treasurer – Jennifer Henson

Secretary – Marsha Evans

Board:

Chairperson – Kate Bowerin

Class of 2017 – Kate Bowerin & Roxann Yates

Class of 2018 – Theresa Menecke & Joel Powell

Class of 2019 – Jeff Kerr & Jerry Yates

Upcoming Events:

October

6-8 Library Book Sale 10a.m.-5p.m. Thurs. & Fri., 9a.m.-noon Sat.

10 Town Hall meeting 6:30-7:30p.m.

12 LG Arts Alliance meeting 5:30-6:30p.m. VFW Hall

18 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall

21 LG Homecoming parade ___p.m.; game 7:00p.m.

31 Halloween trick-or-treating at businesses 3:30-5:00p.m.

Judging of costumes at the library 4:45p.m.

Trunk-or-treat at First Methodist Church 5:30-7:00p.m.

November

8 Fall run sponsored by Cherokee Nation

15 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall

December

3 Christmas parade 2:00p.m.
20 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall ??? or no meeting???

January

17 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall

February

21 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall

March

21 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall

April

16 Easter

18 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall

May

13 Founders Day

16 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall

June

20 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall; voting

1. We almost broke even on Paint Days.
2. We made \$1651.21 from the circus. Next time, we need to get flyers and more information to the Middle school.
3. Tami McKeon of Grand Gateway talked about things that can be done to market Locust Grove on the PSO economic development website:
<https://psoklahoma.com/info/community/economic/> She would like to see us have a town council member, one or two realtors, a banker or two and some youth at our next meeting with her. We need to finish our SWOT analysis, identify a building to market, think about parks and trails, schools, revitalize main street through some events (family night, adult night, dinner theater) and review grants available for downtown revitalization. Sites suggested for research by Debra Totty:

<https://www.aep.com/community/ourgiving/commConnections/OperatingCompany/PSO.aspx>

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/hope6/grants/fy16)

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<http://okcommerce.gov/community/main-street/>

<http://groveok.org/economic-development/downtown-revitalization.html>

<http://mainstreetsiloam.org/>

http://www.tulsaworld.com/communities/bixby/news/outlook-bixby-downtown-revitalization-on-the-horizon/article_02ab16e4-d629-5095-ae48-7b117c14fbc9.html

<http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/DowntownRev.htm>

<http://www.okhistory.org/publications/enc/entry.php?entry=LO002>

4. Shaun Perkins and Jeff Kerr will be judges for the Homecoming Parade on

October 21st.

5. Annissa Fleming has been talking to the Pryor Mud Run director and others. A regular run is sounding pretty expensive. A jogathan for elementary kids was suggested as being more manageable and will be looked in to. In the Adair school, joggers were sponsored based on how many laps they did (i.e. \$5/lap). Area businesses donated nice prizes for the students. Their chance for winning a prize was dependent upon how many sponsorships a student had sold. Profits from the sale of t-shirts was split between the school and Chamber.
6. Tony Ballou, Cherokee Nation, said that the race schedule CN supports has been set for 2017. They will consider new races for 2018 and an application needs to be put in a.s.a.p. Support money from CN has been reduced. Cherokee Nation/Wings is sponsoring the fall run on November 5 that starts at the Dome and goes east. The course could be recertified for a 10K for \$450.
7. The Chamber is starting a “Yard of the Month” program. Missy Ingram and her students are in charge.
8. The Library's book sale will be October 6-8.
9. Smokey Valley Ranch and Camp are adding a disc golf course, RV industrial area and camping. They cater to families and church groups.

The next Chamber meeting will be Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:00p.m. at the VFW Hall.

Thanks to Debra Totter for her notes on the meeting.

Marsha Evans, Secretary