

Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting

October 18, 2016

6:00p.m.

VFW Hall

Minutes

Call to Order by: Jerry Yates

Pledge: Jerry Yates

Prayer: Marsha Evans

Minutes approved: With the correction of the date of the fall run to November 5.
1st Kelly Palmer 2nd Theresa Menecke

Financials approved: 1st Marsha Evans 2nd Roxann Yates

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 2p.m.; game 7:00p.m.

29 School color run

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

5 Fall run sponsored by Cherokee Nation

- 15 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall
- 19 8:00a.m. Decorating light poles downtown for Christmas.
- 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. The Christmas Parade was discussed.
 - a. Date-- Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.
 - b. Mr. & Mrs. Claus pictures at Rebecca Mounce's studio.
 - c. Vendor costs \$10.
 - d. LGAA will have window decorating contest. Townspeople may vote at Wonder City Coffee on parade day.
 - e. Roxann will ask Justin Cowan for the use of the old tag agency to distribute free directories (if ready), to have a silent auction in which members collect donations from businesses and individuals, to raffle a \$200 gift card.
 - f. Decorating the light poles and street on Main Street will be Nov. 19 at 8:00a.m. RSU volunteer students and Chamber members will help.
 - g. Members will contact vendor and parade entrants from a record of previous participants.
 - h. Roxann will complete a parade/vendor form to be distributed, mailed, and/or posted on Facebook and the Chamber website.
 - i. Wonder City Coffee or the Chamber will provide goodie bags for kids.
 - j. Certificates will be given in five categories for the best showings in the parade-- Mayor's Award, Best Vehicle, Best Marching Unit, Equestrian Award, Most Creative. Our Junior Chamber members, Colin and Bradley, will be judges.
 - k. Tess Maune has agreed to be Grand Marshall of the parade.
 - l. Total estimated expenses for the parade: \$1,283 approved, not to exceed \$1,300.

2. LG Town Directory was discussed.
 - a. Shaun turned in \$1,650 collected in the sell of ads for the book. If possible the free books will be handed out Dec. 3. Invoices have been sent to those who have not yet paid for advertising in the book.
3. Advertising the accomplishments/ services the Chamber has done for the community.
 - a. Shaun suggested that the Chamber pay for ads in the two Pryor newspapers that list the work for the community that the Chamber has done in this past year.
 - b. It was agreed that the Chamber needs an advertising budget, and \$200 was approved to place the ads.
4. Placing the name plates back on the Main Street benches was discussed.
 - a. Shaun said she is working on cleaning.
5. Meeting among the Chamber Board and Town Council members was mentioned.
 - a. Jerry and Shaun suggested that we have a meeting to talk among the board members and council on ways to best benefit the town and its businesses. A date will be arranged for such a meeting.
6. We did not win the voting for Fresh Paint Days. We'll try again next year.
7. The Library's book sale went well.
8. Trick-or-treating at local businesses will be on Halloween, October 31, from 3:30-5:00 with the Library having a costume contest at 4:45. The Senior Center is having a fundraiser and costume contest from 5:00-7:00.
9. It was decided that in gratitude for use of the VFW Hall, dues would be waived for the VFW Ladies Auxillary.

The next Chamber meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00p.m. at the VFW Hall.