

Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting

March 21, 2017

6:00p.m.

VFW Hall

Minutes

Called to Order by Jerry Yates.

Pledge: Jerry Yates

Prayer: Marsha Evans

Minutes approved: 1st Kelly Palmer 2nd Adele Collette

Financials approved: 1st Maggie Hunton 2nd Roxann Yates

Officers:

President – Jerry Yates

Vice-President – Shaun Perkins

Treasurer – Jennifer Henson

Secretary – Marsha Evans

Board:

Chairperson – Jerry Yates

Class of 2017 – Roxann Yates & Ron Davis

Class of 2018 – Theresa Menecke & Adele Collette

Class of 2019 – Jeff Kerr & Jerry Yates

Mission & Vision:

Section 1. Mission statement.

The Chamber's goal is to advance the economic, civic, educational, and cultural growth of Locust Grove and the surrounding area.

Section 2. Vision statement.

The Chamber will enhance the quality of life in the community and foster continuous improvement of the Locust Grove area as a place in which to conduct business and enjoy life.

Upcoming Events:

April

20 LG Chamber meeting noon. 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 – Elections

July

- 1 Independence Day Celebration (no fireworks)
- 20 LG Chamber meeting noon.

August

- 11&12 Softball Tournament
- 15 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. VFW Hall

Board News:

1. The high school art students would like to do a mural on the new building before Founders Day. It was approved that they could do a mural on the wall by Elaine's. LGAA has already approved it.
2. Ray Grass will paint the logos and the names of the Chamber and LGAA on the windows of the new building. The cost of paint will be evenly split between the Chamber and the LGAA. The motion was approved. A plaque with "Wilma Cowan Building" will be placed on the outside of the building.
3. The motion to evenly split utility deposits and future utility bills for the new building was approved.
4. Ron Davis will contact Tami McKeon about continuing the work the Chamber has done with Grand Gateway.
5. The motion was approved to have 6 events: Christmas parade/celebration December 2, Founders Day May 13, Paint Days, softball tournament August 11 & 12, city-wide garage sale October 7 and an Independence Day celebration on July 1.
6. The regular Chamber meetings will meet at noon quarterly and at 6:00p.m. the rest of the year. The months for the noon meetings have not been set.
7. Founders Day There will be a street dance with at least two bands on Broadway from 3-8:00p.m. Jerry will check on food trucks for that time. Adele is checking on carnivals and inflatables. We will have three handicapped port-a-potties available. There will be a horseshoe tournament behind Cowan's. The 4-H will manage trash.

Business:

1. The new sign for the VFW will be completed and installed. We will ask the town about helping to hang it.
2. A building committee has been established with members from both groups to make plans for the new building.
3. We will have noon meetings on the third Thursday of the month on April 20, July 20, October 19 and January 18. The rest of the time, we will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00p.m. For now, we will keep meeting at the VFW.
4. The Board is thinking about getting business cards to have something printed with Chamber contact information.
5. Founders Day
 - David Fleming will talk with Rob Foreman about using his lot east of McFarland's Antiques for a petting zoo.
 - Get on the agenda with the town to close S. Broadway and the street by Holman's.
 - Parade will be at 3:00 and will proceed from the sale barn and go west on Main.
 - 9:00 Dog show at the vet's

- 9:15 Church sing-off at Broadway and Main
- 10:00 Donut eating contest at Sister Sweet's
- 10:30 Hay scramble at Sister Sweet's
- 11:30 Turtle races at the doctor's offices
- 12:00 Washer toss at the lumber yard
- 12:30 David Fishinghawk

The next Chamber meeting will be **Thursday, April 20, 2017** at **noon**. at the VFW Hall.