

# **Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting**

July 20, 2017

noon

Wilma Cowan Building

## **Minutes**

**Call to Order by:** Jerry Yates

**Pledge:** Jerry Yates

**Prayer:** Blake Wallace

**Minutes approved:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer Henson 2<sup>nd</sup> Maggie Hunton

**Financials approved:** 1<sup>st</sup> Marsha Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> Adele Collette

### **Officers:**

**President – Jerry Yates**

**Vice-President – Adele Collette**

**Treasurer – Jennifer Henson**

**Secretary – Marsha Evans**

### **Board:**

**Chairperson – Jennifer Henson**

**Class of 2018 – Theresa Menecke & Bo Collette**

**Class of 2019 – Jeff Kerr & Jerry Yates**

**Class of 2020 – April Barker & Karen Darby**

### **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:**

#### **August**

7 Teacher breakfast

10 LG Chamber board meeting 4:30 Wilma Cowan Building

11&12 Softball Tournament “Hot August Nights”

15 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. Wilma Cowan Building

#### **September**

14 LG Chamber board meeting 4:30 Wilma Cowan Building

- 19 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. Wilma Cowan Building
- October**
- 12 LG Chamber board meeting 4:30 Wilma Cowan Building
- 14 Scenic 412 Garage Sale & Cruise Night & LGAA Art Show
- 19 LG Chamber meeting noon Wilma Cowan Building
- November**
- 9 LG Chamber board meeting 4:30 Wilma Cowan Building
- 21 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. Wilma Cowan Building
- December**
- 2 Christmas parade

**Board News:**

1. The Board approved three new Board members to fill vacancies – Bo Collette to the class of 2018 and April Barker and Karen Darby to the class of 2020.
2. Jennifer Henson was voted in as chairperson of the Board. Jerry Yates was voted in as President of the Chamber.
3. Set up committees for upcoming events:
  - Hot August Nights – Bo, Adele, Jerry
  - Teacher breakfast – Jennifer, Karen, Adele, Theresa & Annissa
  - Paint Days – tba
  - Cruise Night/Scenic 412 garage sale – April, Karen, Jennifer, Calleigh, Jerry
  - Christmas – Marsha, Jerry, Karen, April
4. Sara Van Horn volunteered to make 2 banners for out front of our building.
5. LGAA art show on the interior walls of our building October 14.
6. The Board approved these changes to the bylaws, which now need to be approved at this meeting:

In Article III Section 4, the proposal is that the last sentence be deleted. That will give us more flexibility in how we vote. Simple measures could be voted on through email, for instance. Elections would still be by paper ballot.

In Article VI Section 1, the proposal is to make it so that only candidates for officer have to meet the six month membership and three meeting rule. Candidates for board member would just have to be members in good standing. This proposal came about because it appears that the only way to have a full slate of candidates this year to include brand new members.

**Business:**

1. Proposed bylaw changes were approved.
2. Postmortem of July 1<sup>st</sup> event.
3. Discussed who else wants to be on the various event committees?
4. We need door prizes and help with the teachers' breakfast.
5. If we're approved for Paint Days, we'll paint the outside of our new building.
6. We approved a motion to make all dues due each January instead of on the anniversary of a member's joining, starting January 2018. Dues will be raised then to \$20 for individuals, \$30 for nonprofits and \$50 for businesses. Businesses will continue to have

- 2 voting members, but unlimited numbers may attend meetings and help with events.
7. We discussed having a member banquet, perhaps in March. Suggested speakers were Ben Sherrer and Darrell Moore.

The next Chamber meeting will be **August 15, 2017** at 6:00p.m. at the Wilma Cowan Building.