

## **Locust Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting**

October 14, 2015

### **Minutes**

**Call to Order by:** Toni Turner

**Pledge:** Debby Perry

**Prayer:** Jennifer Henson

**Minutes approved:** 1st Season Stillion 2nd Debby Perry

**Financials approved:** 1st Jennifer Henson 2nd Season Stillion

#### **Old Business:**

1. Debby Perry reported that \$247 was made through Indian taco sales on Sept. 25. Volunteers are needed for the last two taco fundraisers on Oct. 23 and 30. The events will be advertised on the Chamber Facebook page.
2. SWOT survey results were handed out. Toni Turner asked that members look over the results before next month's meeting. SWOT results will be discussed then.

#### **New Business:**

1. Barbara Hawkins of Pryor's Chamber of Commerce spoke to members about ways to promote business and increase Chamber involvement in the community. Hawkins discussed events and promotion efforts that have been successful in the Pryor area. Great Days of Service and the Mayes County Angel Tree were mentioned. Hawkins said that she would like for the Chamber to provide a place in Locust Grove for people to get information on the angel tree. She also talked about the importance of putting information online and sharing Chamber information with various websites. Hawkins suggested that chamber members in Mayes County get together once a month to share ideas.
2. Friends of the Library will host their Halloween event on Friday, Oct. 30. Trick-or-treating at local businesses will be 3:30 to 5:30. The costume contest will be at the library at 5:00.

3. Debby Perry reported on the Christmas committee's work. The parade will be Dec. 5 at 2 p.m., and Perry said that volunteers are needed. Forms have been delivered to the schools and businesses asking for people to participate in the parade and as vendors, entertainers, etc. Forms may be returned to committee members or businesses listed on the form.

4. The Chamber logo and first dollar certificate were voted on. Both were approved: 1st Mark Palmer 2nd Season Stillion.

5. Toni Turner congratulated board members whose terms have been assigned as follows:

1 year - Betty Perkins

2 years - Vicki Herr and Roxann Yates

3 years - Theresa Mennecke and Debby Perry

6. Phone calls to the Chamber are forwarded to Toni Turner. It was discussed to change this arrangement, to find a location to place the phone, and to possibly get a message manager for the phone calls. This motion was approved 1st Season Stillion 2nd Jennifer Henson.

7. November's regular Chamber meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 10 since the 11th is Veterans Day.

8. There will be a Dec. Board meeting on the 9th. No regular Chamber meeting will be held.

9. The Chamber will work with the Arts Alliance will operate a station in the Color Run sponsored by the schools.

10. Revised bylaws were passed out. A special meeting on Oct. 28 will be held to vote on the proposed, revised bylaws. Roxann Yates agreed to notify members by email of the meeting.

11. Any comments, reports, or requests from the floor? Jerry Yates said that the Chamber should prepare to do ribbon cuttings and give first dollar certificates to local businesses. He also suggested that the Chamber approve a sticker in the near future to put in the windows of business members.

Next meeting Nov. 10, 2015, 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 1st Jerry Yates 2nd Debby Perry.

Those in attendance were:

Kate Bowerin

Tracey Garrett

Jennifer Henson

Terri Ingram

Jeff Kerr

Theresa Mennecke

Mark Palmer

Betty Perkins

Debby Perry

Season Stillion

Toni Turner

Jerry Yates

Roxann Yates

Barbara Hawkins Pryor Chamber of Commerce

another member of Pryor Chamber of Commerce