

# **Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting**

February 21, 2017

6:00p.m.

VFW Hall

## **Minutes**

**Called to Order by:** Jerry Yates

**Pledge:** Jerry Yates

**Prayer:** Jennifer Henson

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

**Financials approved:** 1<sup>st</sup> Maggie Hunton 2<sup>nd</sup> Adele Collette

### **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:**

#### **March**

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

#### **April**

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 – Elections

### Board News:

1. The Board approved two new Board members to fill vacancies – Ron Davis to the class of 2017 and Adele Collette to the class of 2018.
2. Jerry Yates was voted in as chairperson of the Board.
3. The former LG Tag Office has been donated jointly to the LG Chamber and the LG Arts Alliance. The Board voted to accept the donation. The LGAA's and Chamber's logos will be put on the outside of the building which will be named after Justin Cowan's mom – Wilma Cowan.
4. Founders Day was discussed, along with ways to bring in money.
5. Ribbon cuttings need to be done as soon as possible for new businesses.
6. Chamber business cards were discussed.
7. How to continue to help the VFW will be discussed at our next meeting.

### Founder's Day Saturday May 13:

Sub-committees (these need more people) -

- Vendors – Adele Collette
- Parade – Jerry Yates, Ron Davis, Adele Collette
- Business games – Marsha Evans
- Entertainment – asking for volunteers
- Marketing & advertisement – Shaun Perkins
- Coordinate with other groups – Marsha Evans (create form saying they are covered by “xyz” insurance rather than ours)
- Staff the information center – Theresa Meneke
- Port-a-potties & 4-H trash cans – Roxann Yates
- ODOT on possibility of closing Main Street – Jennifer Henson
- Maps & schedule – Sydney Schwichtenberg

Adele will check on Pepsi as a sponsor for selling the drinks for the Chamber. Possible tournaments were suggested – horseshoe, coed softball, wiffle ball (possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in August for ball tournament).

### Business:

1. We may want a building committee to work on the new building and to check things like the electric and plumbing.
2. There is now a food truck to be set up weekends at Quantie's. They will also want to set up for Founders Day.
3. Jasmine, one of the visiting Girl Scouts, will ask the Magic Shop to do something for Founders Day.
4. Annissa Fleming will call pastors about gospel singing for Founders Day.
5. The marketing and advertising budget was voted to be set at \$300. Shaun will get ads in the papers soliciting vendors and parade participants now and the Founders Day events later.

6. Donna Davidson will be asked to be on the Founders Day entertainment committee.
7. LGAA will have an art show on Founders Day from 10-4 in the VFW Hall.
8. ROMP is 5 years old. They are having a Wordfest at Wonder City Coffee. Most Wordfest events will be at the coffee shop.
9. We need to set a time and date for the Fire Department ribbon cutting/open house. Ron will work with them. Other new businesses aren't ready for a ribbon cutting. Jerry's Rod Shop and Mike's Wholesale have yet to be contacted.
10. Creative Communities is working toward some sort of community center.

The next Chamber meeting will be **Tuesday, March 21, 2017** at 6:00p.m. at the VFW Hall.