

Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting

January 17, 2017

6:00p.m.

VFW Hall

Minutes

Call to Order by: Jerry Yates

Pledge: Jerry Yates

Prayer: Marsha Evans

Minutes approved: 1st Jennifer Henson 2nd Maggie Hunton

Financials approved: 1st Marsha Evans 2nd Jerry Yates

Officers:

President – Jerry Yates

Vice-President – Shaun Perkins

Treasurer – Jennifer Henson

Secretary – Marsha Evans

Board:

Chairperson – tba

Class of 2017 – Roxann Yates & tba

Class of 2018 – Theresa Menecke & tba

Class of 2019 – Jeff Kerr & Jerry Yates

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; voting

Board News:

1. The board will meet January 24 due to illness and other obligations on its regular date.

Business:

1. We're looking for volunteers for two board positions.
2. Creative Communities update – Suzanne Wade addressed the Town Council about the process. She will be at the VFW on Thursday at 6:00p.m. to get input from the community.
3. The initial Founders Day committee meeting will be next Tuesday January 24 at 5:00p.m. at Wonder City Coffee.
4. 2017 events – Founders Day, teachers' breakfast, Paint Days and Christmas parade/events. Log the time that goes into each event.
5. Benefits of Chamber membership:
 - Promotion of your business through Chamber website, Chamber Facebook page, etc.
 - Voting privileges for Chamber items
 - Participation in planning town events
 - Input in Chamber policies
 - Experience in civic improvement, organization, and community development
 - Opportunity to promote one's skills and promote others
6. 2017 goals – find way to create income, have a main street presence, have an information outlet, have an LED sign that can advertise events.
7. The Board will discuss getting a storage unit to house the Chamber's Christmas decorations and other stuff.
8. We had three visitors on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club – Nick Harris and Patricia Martin of Edward Jones and Rose Craig of the Boys and Girls Club. Our community has been very supportive. They still have room at our club. The cost is \$50/month. The kids get fed after school and during the summer they get breakfast, lunch and a snack. The LG club is housed in the old elementary cafeteria. They are currently adding bathrooms. The kids have homework time and tutoring. They are there all day on Mondays. In the summer, anyone under 18 can eat for free. They are kicking off a new campaign - "Changing a Thousand Lives." At tour of the facilities is available January 30 from 5:30-7:00p.m.
9. Ribbon cuttings are needed for: the Mexican restaurant, Jerry's, Mike's Wholesale, Nutrition, Wonder City Coffee, Magic Shop.

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