

Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting

February 20, 2018

6:00p.m.

Wilma Cowan Building, 114 E Main

Minutes

Call to Order by: Adele Collette _____

Pledge: Jennifer Henson _____

Prayer: Blake Wallace _____

Minutes approved: 1st Jennifer Henson 2nd Adele Collette

Financials approved: 1st Adele Collette 2nd Matt Reed

Officers:

President – Adele Collette

Vice-President – Shaun Perkins

Treasurer – Jennifer Henson

Secretary – Marsha Evans

Board:

Chairperson – Jennifer Henson

Class of 2018 – Theresa Menecke & Bo Collette

Class of 2019 – Jeff Kerr & Sandy Burford

Class of 2020 – April Barker & 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

8 LG Chamber board meeting 4:30p.m. Wilma Cowan Building

17 Chamber banquet Upper Elementary

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

April

12 LG Chamber board meeting 4:30p.m. Wilma Cowan Building

19 LG Chamber meeting **noon** Wilma Cowan Building

Business:

- St. Patrick's Day banquet March 17 6:00-9:00p.m. Community/Senior Center

A woman from the Oklahoma Small Business Development will come to speak. We'll also have some magical entertainment from the Rabbit in the Hat. Shaun Perkins has put together a 16 minute video showing Chamber activities and the town. The Cutrers volunteered a solid wood gathering table for a door prize. It was suggested that we target youth who are involved in Scouts and the teen Business Professional group. Jennifer Henson will boost the Facebook ad for the banquet.

- Founders Day May 12

LGAA may try to do some sort of crafts for kids in the Community Center, perhaps with help from local churches and other groups. We might see if the HOPE Coalition would set up an obstacle course or some activity in the lot by the doctors'. Maybe the Fire Department would be interested in having bucket races or races to roll fire hoses. We discussed starting later in the day to make it easier for families to get their kids downtown. The parade will start at 3:00. Jennifer Henson contacted the Shriners and they will be there. Instead of having a street dance Saturday night after everyone is tired, we plan to do it Friday night with a D.J. and food trucks.

- Circus

Jennifer Henson called and left a message with the circus, but they haven't responded. She will call again to see if they would be willing to put on a show like they did in 2016.

- Trash cans

We have two and the town was planning to buy four to put on the corners of the main block downtown. The trash company says that bags are not required. There will be further discussion with the town.

- LG Clean-up Day

The town sent us a note saying that Locust Grove Clean-up Day will be April 28. They asked if we wanted to work with the town on clean-up. The consensus was that yes, we would like to work with the town on this and hope that will be the start of a partnership in more things.

- Ribbon Cutting

The Cutrers would like a ribbon cutting for S.S.L.G. Trading (next to McFarland's Antiques). They will let us know when they're ready.

- Opportunity

The Community Bible Church has closed. The original agreements had that it would revert back to the Markham family if it ceased to be a church. It could make a great building for a community theater.

- Fall event

Perhaps a "Fall Follies"?

- New members

Gabrial and Stephanie Cutrer with S.S.L.G. Trading and Amanda Chappelle with Locust Grove Free Will Baptist.

The next Chamber meeting will be **March 20 at 6:00p.m.** at the Wilma Cowan Building.