

Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting

July 19, 2018

noon

Wilma Cowan Building, 114 E Main

Agenda

Call to Order by: Adele Collette

Pledge: Adele Collette

Prayer: Marsha Evans

Minutes approved: 1st Adele Collette 2nd Jerry Yates

Financials approved: 1st Marsha Evans 2nd Jerry Yates

Officers:

President – Adele Collette

Vice-President – Shaun Perkins

Treasurer – Jennifer Henson

Secretary – Marsha Evans

Board:

Chairperson – Jennifer Henson

Class of 2019 – Jeff Kerr & Sandy Burford

Class of 2020 – Jerry Yates & Bo Collette

Class of 2020 – Adele Collette

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

8 Teacher Appreciation

9 LG Chamber board meeting 4:30p.m. Wonder City Coffee

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

September

13 LG Chamber board meeting 4:30p.m. Wonder City Coffee

- 18 LG Chamber meeting 6:00p.m. Wilma Cowan Building
20 Circus 5:00 & 7:30p.m.

Business:

- The board re-enlisted Adele Collette as President and Jennifer Henson as board Chairperson. We're short one board member, if anyone would like to volunteer.
- Shaun Perkins is working on a program called Create Bridges <http://srdc.msstate.edu/createbridges/index.html>
- For next year, we're thinking of having the Independence Celebration on Friday evening July 5 at Pipe Springs Park. We'll shrink activities to a rib cooking contest, Miss/Mr Liberty contest and music. Food can come from the ribs.
- August 8 will be the date we express the Chamber's appreciation for our teachers. We decided to give one teacher in each school \$50 to use in their classroom. The lucky teachers will be chosen through a drawing. The Bank of Locust Grove is donating \$100, Builders Wholesale and Hardware Supply is donating \$50 and the Chamber will donate \$50.
- The circus is coming to town on Thursday, September 20. This is the same circus as last time – Culpepper & Merriweather. There will be two shows: 5:00 and 7:30p.m. We get a portion of ticket sales, with a larger portion from advance sales. We'll need everyone to sell tickets. As an additional fundraiser, we will sell tickets to win a package of two adult and two child tickets and dinner for four from DJ's.
- Cruise and Crawl will be October 13. For the cars and bikes, there will be no pre-registration. Everyone will just register that day. Conversations will be held with the city, car club and police to make sure everything is done safely. Last year's burn-out was not safe.
- Ideas for future events: food trucks and a movie in the park; gospel sing.
- NTC will be contacted to see if they can do a presentation at any of our meetings.
- We'd like to have town t-shirts without dates that could be sold at any and all events. There will be a design contest.
- The actress Jennifer Garner has caused Locust Grove to be in the news. She has purchased the farm her mom grew up on southwest of town. She plans for her uncle to raise blueberries, kale and persimmons to be used in her company's baby food.

The next Chamber meeting will be **August 21 at 6:00p.m.** at the Wilma Cowan Building.