

Locust Grove Area Chamber Meeting

September 5, 2019
Wonder City Coffee
7:00a.m.

Minutes

Call to Order by: Adele Collette

Pledge: Adele Collette

Prayer: Blake Wallace

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 & Amanda Chappelle

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:

October

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

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

21 Waterways exhibit starts

November

14 LG Chamber board meeting 4:30p.m. Wonder City Coffee; set 2020 calendar

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

30 Small Business Saturday; Business open houses and pictures with Santa 10:00-2:00
December

7 Gingerbread house decorating contest; Waterways exhibit ends

10 Christmas parade 7:00p.m.

No meetings in December.

Business:

- Sara Stephens of NE Technology Center spoke about what they have to offer businesses. They can do things like develop individualized training plans for business, provide safety training and industrial maintenance training. Sara suggested that we might want to host a One Million Cups meeting some month on the second Wednesday of the month (www.1millioncups.com).
- We discussed our need to improve our Chamber. Sara recommended that we get her new co-worker Megan to talk with us. Megan was with the Collinsville Chamber.
- It was also suggested that we talk with Jenny of Pryor Main Street to get ideas.
- Tom Gann said the Oklahoma Arts Council has money for things that would include Chamber events, as does PSO.
- We will try rotating meeting times monthly from 7:30a.m. to noon to 6:00p.m. on the Tuesday following the second Thursday of the month.
- Amber Hinshaw of Mike's Wholesale won the \$50 attendance incentive and then generously donated it back to the Chamber.

Christmas:

- We will have individuals decorate the light poles again with a November 22 deadline. Prizes will be ribbons.
- November 30 will be Small Business Saturday. From 10:00-2:00 we will encourage our local businesses to have an open house and there will be pop-up shops. From 2:00-6:00 there will be photos with Santa and the pop-up shops will continue. At 6:00, the town's Christmas tree will be lit and then the decorated poles will be lit.
- Adele will be talking to the town council about planting a tree on the burned corner downtown.
- The Christmas parade will be at 7:00p.m. December 10.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, at noon at the Wilma Cowan Building, 114 E Main.