

## **Marion County Chamber of Commerce**

### **Board of Directors' Meeting**

**December 20, 2018**

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Western Sizzlin at noon on December 20, 2018. Board members in attendance were President Kathie Tierney and board members Patrick O'Hagan, Erik McDaniel, Joyce Burkhalter, and Shelby Potterfield.

Others in attendance were Terry Kerlin with First Choice Storage and Andrew Lawrence with Colonial Chemical.

President Tierney called the meeting to order and thanked those in attendance. Note: a quorum of board members was not present. Motions were taken. Votes will be requested via e-vote.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Patrick O'Hagan and seconded by Joyce Burkhalter to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2018 board meeting. E-vote will be requested. Minutes are on file in the chamber office and are posted on the chamber's website.

#### **Financial Report:**

Treasurer Shelby Potterfield presented the financial report "Banking Summary" for the month of November 2018. "Account Balances as of 12/19/18", and "Income/Expense Graph by Category" for the current fiscal year to date. A motion was made by Joyce Burkhalter and seconded by Erik McDaniel to accept the financial report. Copies were distributed to all present and are on file with the minutes. Vote will be requested via email.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **A. Business Grants 2019**

The Business Grant/Golf Tournament Committee has not yet met but should meet in January in order to submit recommendations to the board at the January meeting.

##### **B. Spencer Wayne Memorial**

At last month's meeting and again today, discussion seemed to lean toward establishing a scholarship in Spencer Wayne's name. The possibility of tying a scholarship to the golf tournament was suggested. A previously appointed committee will meet before next month's board meeting to establish recommended parameters for the scholarship.

#### **New Business:**

#### A. Request for Donation – Marion County Children’s Fund

A letter from the Marion County Children’s Fund was included in the agenda packet provided to all present. The letter was a request for donation. The request failed to garner a motion with members stating that although the Children’s Fund is a worthy cause, it does not fall within the specific mission of the chamber.

#### **Mayor’s Report:**

No mayor was present at this meeting.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Members present were given an opportunity to share news about their businesses.

Shelby Potterfield gave an update on the progress being made with SVEConnect which is being expanded into the Kimball area. Grant applications have been submitted to connect into areas of Sequatchie Mountain, Sweetens Cove, and Griffiths Creek. Ms. Potterfield also announced that nominations for the “Bright Ideas Education Grants” are being accepted through December 31, 2018. The grants are for hands on classroom projects and are available throughout the SVEC service area. In 2019 an educator will be highlighted in the Tennessee Magazine each month. For more information about “Bright Ideas” and/or to nominate an educator, see [www.svalleyec.com](http://www.svalleyec.com) or the SVEC facebook page. Ms. Potterfield announced that a job vacancy with SVEC will be posted in the near future and that the recent silent action brought in approximately \$10,000.

Patrick O’Hagan announced that Economic and Workforce Development will be offering a Hospitality Customer Service Training opportunity to interested persons. For more information, contact Mr. O’Hagan via email at [patrick.ohagan@chattanoogaastate.edu](mailto:patrick.ohagan@chattanoogaastate.edu).

There was also general discussion as to how/if the chamber could play a role in posting job openings on the chamber website. Due to the interest expressed, this may be something that the chamber could look into further.

#### **Announcements**

Upcoming events were listed on the back of the agenda. Also attached to the agenda was a 2019 Board Meeting Schedule and a 2019 Chamber Coffee Schedule.

The next chamber meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019 at noon at the Western Sizzlin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Judy Blevins

Reviewed by President Kathie Tierney

Addendum: Result of voting – all motions listed above were approved with Kathie Tierney, Walker Henley, Shelby Potterfield, Garret Faugot, Meegan Burton, Vicki Messer, Patrick O’Hagan, Nick Holcomb, Erik McDaniel, Patty Henry and Bret DelBalso voting to approve. No votes received from Joyce Burkhalter and Donna Sartin.