

## **Marion County Chamber of Commerce**

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

**June 21, 2018**

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Western Sizzlin at noon on June 21, 2018. Board members in attendance were President Patrick O'Hagan, Vice - President Bret Del Balso, President- Elect Kathie Tierney, and board members Patty Henry, Nick Holcomb, Walker Henley, and Joyce Burkhalter.

Others in attendance were Carmen O'Hagan with Colonial Chemical, Attorney Michael O'Hagan, Robert Kelly with First Volunteer Bank, Deanna Stott with Hospice of Chattanooga, Marion County Mayor David Jackson, and Judy Blevins, administrative assistant for the chamber.

President Patrick O'Hagan called the meeting to order and recognized guests and members in attendance.

A quorum of board members was present.

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

A motion was made by Walker Henley and seconded by Kathie Tierney to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2018 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Financial Report:**

Judy Blevins presented the "Income and Expense Report" for the month of May 2018, "Income and Expense Graph" from August 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 and "Account Balances Report" as of June 20, 2018. Copies were distributed to all present and are on file with the minutes. Motion was made by Patty Henry and seconded by Joyce Burkhalter to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed without dissent.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **A. Results of E-voting on Motions from May 17, 2018 Meeting**

All motions made at the May meeting were approved via e-vote. See motions in the minutes from the May meeting. See copy of individual board member votes on file with May minutes.

A. Anti-Litter Campaign

Colonial Chemical plans their quarterly litter pickup on the adopted highway stretch in New Hope for Saturday, July 21st. Parkridge Hospital West will schedule a pickup on their adopted area in the near future.

B. Report from Golf Tournament

Please see draft income and expense sheet from the golf tournament which is on file with the minutes and was distributed to members present at today's meeting. Also distributed and on file is a list of sponsors and other donors who made the golf tournament a success. The goal for net income was \$5,000.00 with proceeds to benefit the chamber's business grant and other pro-active business activities. That net income goal has been exceeded.

Vice-President Brett Del Balso thanked those who volunteered and who participated through donations, sponsorships, and teams.

**New Business:**

A. Annual Chamber Banquet

The 2018 chamber banquet is tentatively scheduled for August 16, 2018. The search is underway for a venue in Marion County large enough to accommodate at least 200 persons.

President O'Hagan asked for anyone interested in being on the banquet committee to meet after today's board meeting.

B. President-Elect Position

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Todd Mistrot will be unable to continue as the president-elect. President O'Hagan reported that the executive board voted to recommend Kathie Tierney as president-elect. Kathie has agreed and will assume the position of president for fiscal 2018/19.

**Mayors' Reports:**

Mayor David Jackson reported that the second building at Chattanooga State Kimball is almost completed and will be ready when the fall classes begin.

The county has received a \$335,000 grant from the state with a \$50,000 contribution from the county to expand facilities at the Marion County Health Department. The expansion will include a kitchen and additional room for pre-natal classes and exercise classes. Hopefully, construction can begin near the end of July.

The county budget for this fiscal year includes no property tax increase. The county commission will have a budget workshop tonight with expectation that the commission will approve the budget at the June 25<sup>th</sup> commission meeting. Mayor Jackson reports that the county is fiscally sound.

Near the interstate exit 158 Speedway is building a new facility. A purchaser has also bought property previously designated as Rarity. Mayor Jackson stated that new homes and business growth is what allows the property tax to remain unchanged.

### **Miscellaneous**

Members and guests present were given an opportunity to give updates or announcements.

- Joyce Burkhalter announced that plans are underway for the Marion County Fair which is scheduled for Sept 27, 28, and 29. It will include the popular demolition derby and fairest of the fair. The fair board expects that by shortening the fair to three days, more activities can be packed into the nightly schedule.
- Patrick O'Hagan reminded members that the American Jobs Center is temporarily housed at Chattanooga State in Kimball until a permanent location can be determined. The relocation was made necessary due to a fire which destroyed the old Chattanooga State building where the Jobs Center was located.

### **Announcements**

Announcements were reviewed as distributed. A copy is on file with the minutes. Additional announcements not listed include activities at the Trials Training Center (June 24 – 27 Family Motorcycle Camp and June 24 – 27 Youth Nationals & Women's Open). Both events are open to spectators. For more information, visit the Trials Training website.

Next chamber coffee is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> and is being hosted by City of Whitwell and Orena Humphreys Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next monthly board meeting will be July 19, 2018 at noon at the Western Sizzlin.

Minutes submitted by Judy Blevins

Reviewed by President Patrick O'Hagan