

Marion County Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors' Meeting

March 21, 2019

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Western Sizzlin at noon on March 21, 2019. Board members in attendance were President Kathie Tierney, Vice-President Brett Del Balso, Joyce Burkhalter, Secretary/Treasurer Shelby Potterfield, Garret Faugot, Donna Sartin, Walker Henley, and Patrick O'Hagan.

Others in attendance were Ginger Miller with "JustServe", Josh Brown with TN Small Business Development Center,, Frank Silvia with Chattanooga Skydiving, Jamie Lawson with Parkridge Hospital, Terry Kerlin with First Choice Storage, Kyle Summers with Chattanooga State American Job Center, and Robert Kelly with First Volunteer Bank.

President Tierney called the meeting to order and thanked those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Patrick O'Hagan and seconded by Walker Henley to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2019 board meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. 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 February 2019, "Account Balances as of 3/20/19", and "Income/Expense Graph by Category" for the current fiscal year to date. A motion was made by Walker Henley and seconded by Donna Sartin to accept the financial report. Motion was carried without dissent. Copies were distributed to all present and are on file with the minutes.

Old Business:

A. Small Business Grants 2019

Walker Henley reported that the chamber had received eleven applications for small business grants. The following applications were approved:

- South Pittsburg Antiques - \$1500 for an outdoor awning
- Spectacles Family EyeCare - \$1500 for store front signage
- Covenant Allergy and Asthma Care - \$800 for asthma screening in Marion County Schools
- TN River Gorge Trust - \$600 for signage
- Dragging Canoe Coffee Traders - \$600 for signage
- Max Fit - \$1500 to replace billboard
- SOCUMOS - \$750 (\$500 for signage and \$250 for maps)

B. 2019 Golf Tournament

Patrick O'Hagan reported that the committee has determined that the 2019 golf tournament will be at Sweeten's Cove Golf Course on Thursday, June 20th. Because of price increases to book a tournament at the local course, the chamber may need to explore alternative locations or events for the future. Members are encouraged to save the date since volunteers will be needed in preparation for and throughout the day of the tournament.

New Business:

No new business to bring before the board.

Mayor's Report:

No mayors were present to report.

Miscellaneous:

Josh Brown with the TN Small Business Development Center visited the meeting and explained that TSBDC offers services available to groups and to individual business owners. We will follow up with Mr. Brown on possible topics for a "lunch and learn" seminar. TSBDC is affiliated with Chattanooga State Community College. Mr. Brown's office address is 100 Cherokee Blvd, Suite 202, Chattanooga, TN 37405. Contact information is as follows: (423) 756-6195, jbrown@tsbdc.org; www.tsbdc.org.

Terry Kerlin updated members as to city/town meetings that he has recently attended in an effort to encourage municipalities to take responsibility for litter control. Some city/town officials have asked him for suggestions as to what they should do. Mr. Kerlin in turn has asked for ideas from the chamber. Judy Blevins will forward an email to board members with a request that ideas be shared.

Joyce Burkhalter on behalf of the Marion County Fair Board announced that while a date has not yet been determined for the 2019 Marion County Fair, the demolition derby is to be held on May 15th at 6:00 PM at the fairground in Jasper. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$3 for students, pre-school admission is free.

Announcements

Upcoming events were listed on the back of the agenda.

The next chamber meeting is scheduled for April 18, 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