

## **Marion County Chamber of Commerce**

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

**October 18, 2018**

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Western Sizzlin at noon on October 18, 2018. Board members in attendance were President Kathie Tierney and board members Patrick O'Hagan, Nick Holcomb, Meegan Burton, and Garrot Faugot.

Note: Due to lack of a quorum of board members present, motions made during the meeting will be subject to e-vote by all board members.

Others in attendance were Andrew Lawrence and Carmen O'Hagan with Colonial Chemical, Robert Kelly with First Volunteer Bank Jasper Branch, Roy Reeves and Robert Croom with First Volunteer Insurance, Barry Allen with Tower Community Bank, Kyle Summers with American Job Center, Charlie Roberts and Emily Fulfer with Trials Training Center, Beth Duggar with Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative, and Judy Blevins, administrative assistant for the chamber.

President Tierney called the meeting to order and recognized guests and members in attendance. A note of thanks received from the Wayne Family was recognized.

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

A motion was made by Meegan Burton and seconded by Patrick O'Hagan to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2018 board meeting. Motion is subject to the results of an e-vote. Minutes are on file in the chamber office and are posted on the chamber's website.

#### **Financial Report:**

In the absence of Treasurer Shelby Potterfield, Judy Blevins presented the "Banking Summary" for the months of July, August, and September 2018, as well as the "Banking Summary" for the past fiscal year (August 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018), and "Income/Expense Graph by Category" for the past fiscal year. Copies were distributed to all present and are on file with the minutes. Motion was made by Meegan Burton and seconded by Nick Holcomb to approve the financial report as presented. Motion is subject to the results of an e-vote.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **A. Anti-Litter Campaign**

Andrew Lawrence reported that Colonial Chemical and Lodge Manufacturing recently participated in a quarterly litter pick-up in keeping with the Adopt-a-Highway Program.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, the annual Tennessee River Rescue took place with participants at locations including Marion County Park and Shellmound Campground. Note that the chamber board via e-vote approved on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> a \$300 donation to the TN River Rescue 2018.

B. Report from 2018 Banquet Committee

Members present were given a financial report of income and expenses associated with the annual banquet. See copy on file with minutes. President Tierney reported that Jasper Highlands has offered Pat's Summit Pavilion for future banquets.

**New Business:**

A. Election of Officers

President Tierney opened the floor for nominations for President-Elect, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. She explained that the current Vice-President, Brett Del Balso, and the current Secretary/Treasurer, Shelby Potterfield, have both agreed to continue in their respective roles for another year if the board approves.

Patrick O'Hagan made a motion that Brett Del Balso and Shelby Potterfield retain their current positions for another year. That motion was seconded by Nick Holcomb. Motion is subject to the results of an e-vote.

The position of President-Elect remains open as no nominations were received from the floor.

B. Signature Changes for the Chamber's Checking Account

A motion was made by Meegan Burton and seconded by Patrick O'Hagan to remove Jamie Lawson from the chamber's checking account at First Volunteer Bank and to add Kathie Tierney as an approved person to sign checks on this account. Joyce Burkhalter, Judy Blevins, Patrick O'Hagan and Brett Del Balso will remain on the account as persons eligible to sign as well. Motion is subject to an e-vote.

C. Membership Application

An application for membership has been received from Regency Properties. Prior to today's meeting, the application was reviewed by the membership committee which recommends approval. Copy was presented to all present. Regency Properties has recently purchased the Walmart Shopping Center in Kimball. Garret Faugot made a motion to approve the membership application. Motion was seconded by Patrick O'Hagan. Motion is subject to the results of an e-vote.

Note that also included in the packet of handouts were copies of applications from Emendee Technologies, Sandra Ganis Business Consulting, Dragging Canoe Coffee Traders and "Marion Lifestyle". Due to the fact that the board did not meet in August or September, these applications were approved via e-vote on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### D. Spencer Wayne Memorial

By e-vote on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> the board approved sending flowers to the Wayne family immediately following Spencer's death but to also consider a memorial at a later date. Several suggestions were received along with the e-votes. At today's meeting President Tierney appointed Meegan Burton and Patrick O'Hagan to join her as a committee to explore possibilities and to bring ideas back to the board at next month's meeting.

#### **Guest Speaker**

Jenni Veal, Southeast Tennessee Tourism Association Coordinator, attended today's meeting to discuss exciting opportunities and plans for the Sequatchie Valley that would not only benefit local residents but would also bring new tourism dollars to the valley. Mrs. Veal brought copies of the most recent "Marion County Travel Snapshot" which shows the significant impact that tourism dollars had in Marion County in 2017. A copy of the snapshot is on file with the minutes. Included in future plans is a designated bike route throughout the Sequatchie Valley.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

No mayors were present at today's meeting.

#### **Miscellaneous**

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

#### **Announcements**

Upcoming events were listed on the back of the agenda.

The next chamber meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2018 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 10/24/18: All motions carried by results of e-votes. There were no voting dissents.**