

Marion County Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors' Meeting

July 18, 2019

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Western Sizzlin at noon on July 18, 2019. Board members in attendance were Patrick O'Hagan, Donna Sartin, Garret Faugot, Meegan Burton, Erik McDaniel, and Bret Del Balso.

(Please note that seven board members are needed for a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, a request for an e-vote for any motions made during this meeting will be sent to board members not in attendance. Those board members in attendance will be allowed to voice their votes during the meeting.)

Others in attendance were Josh Brown with TSBDC, Mandy Finotti with Lodge Manufacturing, Carmen O'Hagan with Colonial Chemical, Terry Kerlin with First Choice Storage, and Heather Bearden with Resource Management.

In the absence of President Kathie Tierney, Patrick O'Hagan called the meeting to order and thanked those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Garret Faugot and seconded by Erik McDaniel to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2019 board meeting. E-vote will be requested of absent board members. All board members present voted to approve with no dissent. Minutes are on file in the chamber office and will be posted on the chamber's website.

Financial Report:

Financial reports were presented and distributed to all present: "Banking Summary" for the months of May 2019 and June 2019, and "Account Balances as of 7/18/19". Donna Sartin made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Meegan Burton seconded the motion. E-vote will be requested of absent board members. All board members present voted to approve with no dissent. Copies of the financial reports are on file with the minutes.

Old Business:

A. 2019 Golf Tournament Wrap-Up

Copies of a report on the 2nd Annual Marion County Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic was presented to each person in attendance. See copy of report on file with the minutes.

New Business:

A. 2019 Annual Chamber Banquet

Judy Blevins, reporting from the Banquet Committee, stated that the banquet will be held On August 15th at Jasper Highlands. Western Sizzlin will cater the meal with entertainment by Jesse Black. Speaker will be Christy Gillenwater, President and CEO of Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are on sale for \$35 each and are available through any chamber board member or through the chamber office.

B. Advertisement in "Marion Lifestyle".

After general discussion regarding advertisement in publications, the purpose of advertisement and how best to use chamber dollars, a motion was made by Erik McDaniel and seconded by Garret Faugot to publish chamber membership and chamber highlights in "Marion Lifestyle" the amount of \$500 for the fall 2019 publication and \$500 for the winter 2019 publication. See letter from "Marion Lifestyle" on file with the minutes.

The motion further included \$500 for the 2020 issue of "Living Here," published by Marion County News, and \$500 for the 2020 issue of "Southeast Travel".

E-vote will be requested of absent board members. All board members present voted to approve with no dissent.

C. Membership Application

An application to join the Marion County Chamber has been received from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Chattanooga. The application has been reviewed by the membership committee who recommends the application be approved.

Donna Sartin made a motion which was seconded by Meegan Burton to approve RMH for membership. E-vote will be requested of absent board members. All board members present voted to approve with no dissent. Copy of the application is on file with the minutes.

D. SVEConnect

A quote from SVEConnect for internet and phone service in the chamber office was distributed to all present. See quote included with the minutes. Currently, Charter Communications is the internet/phone provider. Discussion included the fact that SVEC is a chamber member and that Charter recently closed their Jasper office.

Erik McDaniel made a motion to switch internet and phone provider from Charter to SVEConnect per quote. The motion was seconded by Meegan Burton.

E-vote will be requested of absent board members. All board members present voted to approve with no dissent. Copy of quote is on file with the minutes.

Mayor's Report:

No mayors present.

Miscellaneous

Announcements were attached to the agenda. Next chamber coffee is August 13th and hosted by Cornerstone Ministries.

Josh Brown explained some of the classes/ seminars that are available through his office (TN Small Business Development Center in Chattanooga). Request was made by several members present at the meeting that information about the classes be sent to the chamber office and forwarded through the chamber's email distribution listing. (Note: information was subsequently received and forwarded.)

Annual meeting will be held on August 15th at 6:00 PM CDT at Jasper Highlands. The next regularly scheduled monthly board meeting will be on September 19th at noon at the Western Sizzlin.

Minutes submitted by Judy Blevins

Reviewed by Patrick O'Hagan for Kathie Tierney

Addendum to Minutes – Recording of E-Vote requested on July 24th:

Voting aye via email to all motions: Patty Henry, Kathie Tierney, Joyce Burkhalter, Vicki Messer, and Walker Henley.

Voting to abstain from voting regarding the SVEConnect but voting aye to all other motions: Shelby Potterfield.

All motions carried.