

Marion County Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors' Meeting

November 21, 2019

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Western Sizzlin at noon on November 21, 2019. Board members in attendance were Kathie Tierney, Shelby Potterfield, Vicki Messer, Joyce Burkhalter, Patrick O'Hagan, Joy Gunter, and Erik McDaniel.

Others in attendance were, Terry Kerlin with First Choice Storage, Travis Hickman with The River 104.9, Jake Wilbanks with Fast Pace Urgent Care Clinic, Dan McDermott with Dan's Handyman Service, Cody Fox with Tennessee Tub Factory, Tiffany Commons with RMHC, Sonya McShane with Erlanger Hospital, Christina Rosado and Winston Templet with StaPro Oz, David Riley with Marion County News, Dave Pestillo with Emendee Technologies, and Frank Silvia with Chattanooga Skydiving.

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Vicki Messer and seconded by Joyce Burkhalter to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2019 board meeting. Motion carried without 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 month of October 2019 and "Account Balances as of 11/20/19". There were no questions regarding the financial report, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Old Business:

A. Whitwell Middle School Career Day

Dave Pestillo reported that sixteen presenters have committed to speaking at Whitwell Middle School Career Day on December 13th. Mr. Pestillo thanked those who have volunteered to help and stated that if this career day goes well, we may also have career days in South Pittsburg and Jasper. (An anticipated secret is that Chattanooga Skydiving will have a fly-in at the school, if weather permits.)

New Business:

A. Chamber Board Vacancies

President Tierney explained that two board members, both representing Kimball, have recently moved and will need to be replaced. She has emailed board members regarding

her recommendation to appoint Carmen O'Hagan and Dan McDermott to these positions. President Tierney asked the board to approval her recommendation. Shelby Potterfield made a motion to approve both Carmen O'Hagan and Dan McDermott to immediately fill the two vacant positions representing Kimball. Erik McDaniel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Report from the Executive Board

The chamber's executive board met on November 5, 2019 with President Kathie Tierney, Vice-President Erik McDaniel, Past President Patrick O'Hagan, President Elect Shelby Potterfield, Secretary/Treasurer Joy Gunter and MCC Administrative Assistant Judy Blevins in attendance.

President Tierney presented highlights of the meeting to the board. Emphasized were a proposed TN Driving Innovation Bus Tour to come to Marion County (tentative time in January 2020, the need to amend the chamber bylaws, board vacancies, committees, and special recognition of chamber businesses at least quarterly. See attached copy of the minutes from the Executive Board on file with minutes from today's meeting.

During discussion following the report, Sonya McShan shared an idea from the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. They do a business expo where chamber businesses are recognized and given an opportunity to market their businesses. President Tierney said she thought it was a great idea and something our chamber might consider doing.

C. Membership Applications

The following membership applications have been received and recommended for approval:

- Fade, LLC and Fade II, LLC
- Tate Funeral Home
- StaPro Oz, LLC

Dan McDermott made a motion to approve membership for all three. Vicki Messer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

No mayors were present at today's meeting.

Miscellaneous

The following information was shared from members present:

- Shelby Potterfield stated that SVEConnect will be working to bring the internet to South Pittsburg Mountain in March and April 2020. A two million dollar grant from the state will help make this possible. SVEConnect will be in Whitwell, Powell's Crossroads and the Griffith Creek community the first week of December 2019, and on Sequatchie Mountain in March. She also reminded us that SVEC will kick off their annual silent auction by hosting the Chamber Coffee on December 10th. All proceeds from the auction and a chili luncheon will go to Multi-Cancer Support Group.
- Jake Wilbanks reminded us that Fast Pace Urgent Care Clinic will hold an open house on December 6th from 11 AM until 2 PM CST with ribbon cutting at noon. Everyone is invited to attend.
- David Riley explained that Marion County News has an interactive calendar on social media whereby events can be posted and shared. He also has a new audio option on www.mctn.com where newspaper articles can be heard as well as read.
- Sonya McShan reminded us of the importance of the upcoming census and suggested that the chamber consider ways to help ensure a correct census.
- Kathie Tierney announced that the next issue of "Marion Lifestyle" has gone to the printers. A celebration of the magazine's first year will be held at the American Legion Hall in South Pittsburg on December 6th at 6 PM CST. It will also feature a silent auction to benefit MARC (Marion Animal Resource Connection).

Members were encouraged to review the announcement of upcoming events printed on the back page of today's meeting agenda.

Next board meeting is December 19, 2019 at noon at the Western Sizzlin in Jasper.

Minutes submitted by Judy Blevins

Reviewed by President Kathie Tierney
