**Marion County Chamber of Commerce**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

 **February 20, 2020**

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Western Sizzlin at noon on February 20, 2020. Board members in attendance were Kathie Tierney, Shelby Potterfield, Erik McDaniel, Donna Sartin, Dan McDermott, and Carmen O’Hagan. Please note that a quorum was not present; therefore, evotes will be requested on all motions made and seconded.

Others in attendance included Gina Pannell with Remax, Dave Pestillo with Emendee Technologies, Robert Doherty and Carol Chandler with Redpoint Inn.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Donna Sartin and seconded by Shelby Potterfield to accept the minutes from the January 23, 2020 board meeting. Evote will be requested.\* Copy of the minutes is 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 January 2020” and “Account Balances as of 2/19/2020”.

Judy Blevins recommended that the board consider closing CD # 77489 and transferring that money into the chamber’s checking account. The 90-day CD will mature next on February 24, 2020 in the amount of $15,322.83. The chamber’s checking account is currently $7,782.66 with no major income expected immediately while ongoing expenses will occur.

Donna Sartin made a motion to close out CD # 77489 and to transfer the full amount of that CD to the chamber’s checking account after the new maturity amount has been accrued. Dan McDermott seconded the motion. Evote will be requested.\*\*

**Old Business:**

1. 2020 Marion County Chamber of Commerce Spencer Wayne Small Business Grants

Deadline for submitting grant applications is Friday, February 21st . To date, eight applications have been received with two of those being ineligible as they are not chamber members (a requirement for receiving a grant). The grant committee will meet soon after Friday’s deadline to review each application and determine disposition of the grant money previously approved by the board ($8,500). The committee will report back to the board at the March 19th board meeting.

1. Follow-up Report 2020 Golf Tournament Site

President Kathie Tierney has spoken with the manager of Sweeten’s Cove Golf Course. There will be a fee increase this year - $4,500 for a Thursday event. Tentative dates are June 4th and June 25th , to be confirmed with the course manager. There was discussion on the following points:

* There have been major upgrades to the course facility since last year.
* The chamber is committed to keeping the tournament in-county, and Sweeten’s Cove is the only course in Marion County.

Donna Sartin made a motion to authorize the tournament committee to secure the course for one of the June dates reference above and for the committee to study possible increases in player fees and sponsorship amounts and to bring recommendations back to the board in March. Erik McDaniel seconded the motion which will be sent for an evote.\*\*\*

N**ew Business:**

1. Request for Sponsorship - 2020 National Cornbread Festival

Dan McDermott made a motion that the chamber sponsor at the $300 T-Shirt level. Carmen O’Hagan seconded the motion. Evote will be requested. \*\*\*\*

1. Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Business Expo

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce sponsors a business expo each year. The expo 2020 is April 2nd from 4:30 – 7:30 PM CST at Monterey Station in Cowan, TN. President Tierney stated that she and Dan McDermott planned to attend and asked if anyone else would like to go. The purpose of visiting the expo is to learn more about it with an eye toward the possibility of having a similar expo in Marion County. Interested persons should contact President Tierney.

1. Membership Applications

 The following new applications have been received:

1. Dunlap Stone, Inc
2. R&M Flooring
3. Alessandro’s Italian Artisan Bakery, Inc

Shelby Potterfield made a motion to approve all three new membership applications. Donna Sartin seconded the motion which will be subject to an evote. \*\*\*\*\*

**Mayor’s Report:**

No mayors were present at today’s meeting.

**Miscellaneous**

Three chamber members are being highlighted this quarter. They are Dan’s Handyman Service, Emendee Technologies, and individual member Bobbi Hubbard. Erik McDaniel and Mark Kelly gathered information about each of the members being highlighted this quarter. That information was included in handouts for today’s meeting and will appear in other social media. The goal is to feature three or four members each quarter in order to learn more about each of them and to provide an additional benefit associated with being a member of the chamber.

Dave Pestillo reported that he has contacted school principals from Jasper Middle School, South Pittsburg High School, Whitwell Middle School, and Monteagle Elementary School in order to schedule 2020 Chamber Career Days for all eighth graders. He is still confirming dates and will provide a schedule when determined. Volunteer presenters will be needed. Those interested in being a presenter should contact Dave Pestillo or the chamber office.

Carmen O’Hagan shared dates for volunteer events scheduled for Colonial Chemical employees and friends. They will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity dwelling in Chattanooga this Saturday, 2/22/20. Colonial is also scheduled for a roadside litter pickup on March 7th as part of the “Adopt-A-Highway Program”.

Announcements are printed on the back of today’s agenda. Note that the next board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2020 and that the next chamber coffee will be on April 14th and is being hosted by Emendee Technologies in the community room of Jasper Highlands Fire Department.

Minutes submitted by Judy Blevins Reviewed by President Kathie Tierney

Addendum – Result of Evotes as of February 26, 2020

Responding to request for evotes were the following board members: Carmen O’Hagan, Joyce Burkhalter, Joy Gunter, Kathie Tierney, Erik McDaniel, Patrick O’Hagan, Shelby Potterfield, Mandy Finotti, Patty Henry, Vicki Messer, Meegan Burton, and Donna Sartin.

(Refer to body of minutes for motion details.)

\* Motion to approve minutes – approved unanimously.

\*\* Motion to close CD and put that money in chamber checking account – approved by all.

\*\*\* Motion in support of having tournament at Sweetens Cove Golf Course and to refer golf tournament planning to committee – 11 votes to approve; 1 no (reason: Sweetens Cove should be a chamber member) .

\*\*\*\* Motion to be a t-shirt sponsor for the 2020 Cornbread Festival – approved unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\* Motion to accept the three new membership applications – approved unanimously.