

MARION COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES . 6/15/23

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on June 15, 2023, at 12 noon CST at the Western Sizzlin in Jasper, TN.

Travis Hickman asked for a roll call.

Board members present: President Travis Hickman, Kathie Tierney, Mike Birdwell, Mandy Finotti, Staci Brockwell, Dave Pestillo and Mike Griffith **Guest in attendance:** Justin Baker with the Town of Jasper, Alli Johnson with Colonial Chemical. Richard w Camp Chet, Donald Kilgore with TN American Job Center, Jessica Wright with Re/Mac Realty South and Cindy Hopkins, Coordinator for the Marion County Chamber, were also in attendance.

Mike Birdwell motioned to accept first, and Mandy Finotti seconded.

A quorum of board members was present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Travis Hickman to approve the minutes from April 2023. Joyce Burkhalter seconded.

All in favor unanimous, all opposed none.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dave Pestillo said Financial reports were good. "Banking Summary – May 2023" and "Account Balances as of June 2023". Dave stated everything is in check, expenses are all in order. Both bank accounts and credit card expenses will look different next month due to Golf Classic.

Each board member present at today's board meeting received a copy of the financial reports.

Mike Birdwell motioned to accept the financial report first, and Kathy Tierney seconded.

All in favor unanimous, all opposed none.

MAYORS REPORT

No Mayors are present today.

OLD BUSINESS

- SWSB Grant

2 checks have been paid out. The ABC Learning has decided against accepting the grant. Arts In The Burg is close to turning in documentation/receipts. Marion County Public Libraries has an extension to get through the summer reading program.

- **Golf Classic**

Kathie Tierney thanked everyone and stated it went really well. Looking to start tee times earlier next year. Perfect weather, lunch was great. Donations that were given for auction items will be auctioned off at banquet and \$ applied to grant account. Brought in around \$13,000.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Chamber Banquet**

The committee met a few times looking at the venue being at The Hooch or Top of the Rock, pros and cons to each. The speaker is Mr. Mike Parten, great leader at SVEC. Silent auction items and door prizes will be figured out as we receive them. Mike Birdwell is donating a large tv it will be rewarded at the end of banquet to encourage people to stay.

- **Social Media / Digital Committee**

Cindy Hopkins said nothing new.

Membership Applications

- Jessica Wright (Individual with Re/Max Realty South) - Approved
- Angel Cakes (business) - Approved

Kathie Tierney motioned first; Mike Birdwell seconded

Miscellaneous and sharing from community partners

Justin Baker with the Town of Jasper announced the following:

July 1st – Jasper Big Boom

October 28th - Jack O Lantern Jamboree

Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade

Nov 25 – Jan 13th - Ice Skating Rink

Dec 9 – Christmas Parade

Concerts for Christmas and a Christmas market

Career Days tentative schedule:

November 17th Monteagle

Dec 15th Whitwell

January 12th South Pittsburg

February 15th Jasper

Schools are now doing interest learning as early as 5th grade, this could change the structure of the Career Day schedule.

Donald Case – Air Solutions presented about his new business.

Donald Kilgore, with TN Job Center, spoke of upcoming hiring events and wanting to be more involved in Marion County.

Mandy Finotti – Spoke about Lodge and the new enamel line. SPARQ and Arts in the Burg are hosting classes at AITB. A lot of fun events coming up in South Pittsburg for the 150th Anniversary.

Travis Hickman spoke about Chattanooga's Best of Best contest and to please vote for The River 104.9.

Next Chamber Coffee – Colonial Chemical August 8, 2023 @ 8 a.m.

The new business owner of Heart Boutique in Powells Crossroad introduced herself.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next board meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 12 noon cst at the Western Sizzlin.

Mike Birdwell motioned first to adjourn, Kathie Tierney seconded.