



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon**

**Smithville United Methodist Church**

**Date: May 10, 2017**

**Sponsor: Children First Montessori/ iWerxs**

President Scott Pearson called the meeting to order at 11:54 A.M.

The Invocation was given by Ryan Motter of the Smithville First Christian Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Minutes**

The April Chamber Luncheon Minutes were presented for approval.

Pete Browning moved that the minutes be approved as presented.

Phil Zehms Seconded the motion.

The motion passes.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was presented for approval.

Rick Gath moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented.

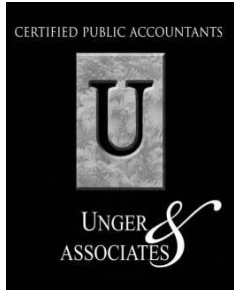
Harley Morlock Seconded the motion.

The motion passes.

**Member Introductions**

Chamber members introduced themselves, the business they are here on behalf of, and any guests that may be with them.

## **Member of the Month: Unger and Associates**



Cindy Kimber of Unger and Associates presented on the following:

1. If you are not tracking mileage on some type of device you are losing \$1 for every 2 miles.
2. Inflation adjusted Health Savings accounts have increased slightly and the deduction is a large step up from the last few years.
3. If you have questions on these topics or other accounting solutions, please consider Unger and Associates.

Cindy Kimber then turned the floor over to Starla Jaynes.

Starla Jaynes, presented on the following aspects of the Smithville Kiwanis Club:

- Offered thanks to all for selecting the Smithville Kiwanis Club as the 2017 Chamber Member of the Year.
- The Kiwanis Club motto has changed to “ Kids need Kiwanis “ .
- The Kiwanis Club food trailer is for sale. Please inquire if interested.
- The annual fishing derby will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Fishing poles are available for free check out at the Smithville Branch of Mid-Continent Public Library. Hot dogs and drinks at the event will also be free.
- The Kiwanis Club will be partnering with the Smithville Chamber for the Annual BBQ Bash and will sponsor a children’s area.

**Next Month’s Member of the Month: Peter Browning**

## Program: Children's First Montessori and Iwerxs



John Miller and Bob Martin of iWerks presented on the following:

- iWerks is a business incubator for businesses of all types.
- They offer 10 gig connectivity and a wide array of supportive entities such as attorneys, and marketing and advertising experts.
- It is predicted that by 2020 50% of businesses will be self-employed. iWerks was designed to support these types of businesses.
- iWerks offers the opportunity for collaboration and the ability to start out on one's own.
- As an entity that continues to evolve, new aspects are being added all the time. The RoKC climbing gym is one such example of this growth.
- Trends are showing a migration of people leaving city centers and moving away up to 50 miles or more. Computers have made location a less necessary aspect for work.
- Smithville should feel proud to have such a supportive community and active Chamber of Commerce.
- All are encouraged to come in and visit the iWerks facility when they have time.

Kelly Kobylski of Children First Montessori yielded her time to the Smithville School District for their 2017 Community Partners in Education Awards.

This year's Community Partners in Education are:

**Primary School – Warrior Shoppe**

**Upper Elementary – Platte Valley Bank**

**Middle School – Packs Hardware**

**High School – Artistry in Motion**

## **Reports**

### **Executive Directors Report**

Lia Jennings presented on the following:

- Offered profound thanks to iWerxs for their presentation and all the good works they are doing in NKC. Also offered great thanks to Children First Montessori and the School District for their presentation.

### **Community Awards Dinner**

- Offered sincere thanks to all who helped, attended, or participated. Special thanks were given to Starla Jaynes, Shari Rogers, Kristin Turner, and Tammy Liber for going above and beyond in their support. Congratulations were also offered to all winners and nominees.

### **New Chamber Members**

Northland Outdoor Adventures

Benton House of Staley Woods

Soiree New Orleans Bistro

Costco

Not Too Shabby Boutique

### **Economic Director**

- Lia announced that she is stepping away from the position of Economic Director.
- Kelly Busch's Hospitality position has been renamed and an Outreach and Tourism specialist position is being formed.

### **Missouri Life Motorcycle Guide**

Through a collaboration with Rusty Beck of Motorcycle Closeouts, Smithville has an 8 page spread in the Missouri Life Motorcycle Guide.

## City Report



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Mayor Brian Fullmer presented on the following:

- The Hawthorne Street renovation project is now underway.
- Three new Board members started their terms on Tuesday, April 17, 2017.
- A number of events celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Smithville are being planned.
- A permanent display of a 9/11 memorial in Downtown Smithville is also being coordinated. The Board will consider various designs and proposals over the next few weeks.
- Several EDC projects are moving forward, as is the Strategic plan. They hope to make an announcement on a significant retail development soon.

## School Report



[smithvilleschooldistrict.net](http://smithvilleschooldistrict.net)

Superintendent Dr. Todd Scheutz presented on the following:

- The last day of school is May 24, 2017. Graduation is on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Lots of progress has been made on the site over on 188<sup>th</sup> and F highway.
- Discussed the movie " 13 Reasons Why " and the conversations being generated at the school concerning it.

## **Old Business**

### **Community Awards Dinner**

President Scott Pearson recognized all parties involved in the creation of the Community Awards Dinner and offered hopes that it becomes a Smithville tradition.

## **New Business**

- Announced that Ryan Motter is moving and will be stepping away from his Board Member at Large position. A mid-term election will be held at next month's luncheon.
- A vote to amend the bylaws will also be held at the June Members Luncheon.

## **Special Drawings**

\*Prizes were awarded to various attendees through a random drawing.

## **Special Announcements**

Special announcements were made by the Chamber members advertising various events and activities happening in the Smithville community in the upcoming weeks.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:08 P.M.**

**Next Month's Meeting Sponsor: Burkman Podiatry**