



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce**

**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date: November 14, 2018**

**Smithville United Methodist Church**

**Sponsor: Security Bank of Kansas City with a "Tribute to our Veterans"**

**President Scott Pearson called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m.**

The Invocation was given by Rev. Rebecca Mulford.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The October 2018 meeting minutes were then presented for approval. Rick Gath made a motion to approve and Harley Morlock seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with a membership vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The October 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented for approval. Harley Morlock made the motion to approve the report as presented and Shirley Kimsey seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with a membership vote.

Scott thanked Dave Marsh for his help on the accounting and book keeping for the treasurer's report.

### **Member Introductions**

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

### **BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:**

**Burkman Podiatry was selected for Business of the month, but unfortunately they were not in attendance and no presentation was given..**

**Next Month's Member of the Month:** Ryan Stein, Reece and Nichols Realty and Smithville Rotary.

## Today's Sponsors/Program:



**SECURITY BANK OF KANSAS CITY**  
1304 S. 169 HWY Smithville, MO 64089  
816-532-0400 [lslenker@securitybankkc.com](mailto:lslenker@securitybankkc.com)

The color guard from the American Legion Jim Nelson Post #58 presented the colors before the program started.

Leo Slenker Thanked veterans for their service, Jeans Flowers and Gifts for the flower centerpieces, Scott, Rick, Carol and Pam for help with setup, Linda Hill for getting the ice for them and Hy-Vee on Barry Rd for the food.

Leo announced that there would be no band performance today due to the band director becoming ill. With the assistance of a laptop, each military branch's theme music would be played and if you served in that branch he asked that you step to the front of the room and remain standing.

- Words were provided with the music and all were encouraged to sing along if they wanted to.
- The membership clapped as veterans went forward for each branch
- Each vet introduced themselves, what branch they were in, where they served and for how long.
- There were 18 veterans in total that stood.
- They received a standing ovation from the membership.
- DeWayne Knott stood and explained about the cards on each table – everyone was to sign them as they were going into boxes for the troops for Christmas. Sending 100 total.

Scott mentioned that one important member, Colonel Kindred, wasn't in attendance due to health reasons and he personally thanked all the vets.

### REPORTS:

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



Carol Noecker started her report by thanking First Bank and Leo for sponsoring the luncheon.

## **Ribbon Cuttings:**

11/6 was the Wilderson Creek Project (DD hwy bridge) and 10/20 was the Little Platte Distillery.

## **Board member elections:**

It's time for elections for the 2019 Chamber board and if you would like to be on the ballot to serve on the board or nominate someone to be on the board let Carol or the nominating committee know.

## **Membership:**

Renewals are going out in the next two weeks so watch for those. Review and let Carol know of any changes or updates that need made in the directory.

**Membership Directory** is out for bids so if you would like to bid on that let Carol know.

**Lunch sponsors:** Kiwanis will sponsor half of the December luncheon so if you would like to sponsor the other half let Carol or Starla Janes know.

## **Candyland Christmas:**

Dates are December 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-5:30 pm and December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm. If you would like to participate in some way let Carol know. There has been lots of interest on social media so we expect a good crowd. The Lighted Christmas parade will also be on 12/1 at 6 pm followed by the Mayor's Christmas tree lighting.

## **CITY REPORT**



[www.smithvillemo.org](http://www.smithvillemo.org)

Cynthia Wagner gave the city report.

She first introduced the new Assistant City Administrator, Nicki Leigh. She is from Topeka and her duties will be HR and the Economic Development Committee.

She gave the following construction updates:

- Second Creek bridge is closed
- Main street will be open by Thanksgiving
- West side where the cranes are is part of the \$8 million project.
- Thanked everyone again for their patience and support during the construction, but to continue to come downtown and encourage others to as well.
- Currently a big hole on DD on the west side

## SCHOOL REPORT



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

Michelle Kratofil presented the following for the Smithville school district:

- She started by thanking all the vets and invited them to all attend the High School for the breakfast they do for the vets every veterans day.
- She welcomed the new school resource officer who was being paid for by the city.
- 2019-2024 Strategic Planning has started and they are developing smaller action committees. If you would like to be a part of them let Michelle know.
- Just finished their musical "Snoopy".
- Sports have been exciting this year so far: Volleyball won districts for the first time in 35 years, Football won districts, and this is only their second year of swimming and had someone place at state.
- They are in budget restructuring mode now and if want to see it, it is on their website.
- Asked for everyone to pray for no snow days so the kids don't go into June.
- Thanked everyone in the community for their support of the schools.



[www.northlandchristianed.com](http://www.northlandchristianed.com)

Kris Wheeler reported the following for new chamber member Northland Christian School:

- School vision started 13 years ago.
- Just had their fundraiser banquet in their gym with 420 guests. They raised \$185,000.
- Their enrollment is already at max capacity and they are wanting to expand.
- They give tours of the school and this year they are giving 5 tours a week. Last year was 1-2 every TWO weeks.
- January 14<sup>th</sup> enrollment starts.
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### Old Business:

- There was no old business to discuss.
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## **New Business**

Board elections are next month so if you want to nominate someone contact the committee or if you want to serve yourself let them know. We will vote at the December meeting.

## **Special Announcements and Drawings**

Cash drawing was \$21.00 and won by Jack Woods. He donated to the Shop with a Cop program.

Twelve names were drawn for the flower arrangements on the tables.

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

### **Special ones included:**

- Clay county veterans court graduation is this Friday at 2 pm. When vets graduate their records are deleted and they start fresh.
- Community Thanksgiving service to be held 11/18.
- Shape fitness is having a turkey day workout on Thanksgiving day.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> the historical society is giving old homes tours.
- Nellie's sweet Shoppe is getting ready to kick off their monthly subscription program for fudge of the month club. You can save \$5 a box if you go to the shop or contact them now.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm**