



Smithville Chamber of Commerce

Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2018

Smithville United Methodist Church

Sponsors: Smithville American Legion Jim Nelson Post #58

President Scott Pearson called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Rebecca Mulford. The Smithville American Legion color guard presented the flag and DeWayne Knott led the membership in the pledge.

Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

The September 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented for approval. Jack Woods made the motion to approve the report as presented and Nyle Miller seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with a membership vote.

Scott mentioned how large the crowd was today and thanked everyone for being there.

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:



SHEPHERD ELDER LAW GROUP, LLC

SARA ALBRIGHT

Sara Albright with Shepherd Elder Law mentioned that they are a Northland Community Education Liason then introduced Maureen Lester one of the 5 attorneys they have in their practice.

Maureen mentioned that their main areas of expertise involve helping families, especially those with elderly family members or disabled ones.

They do: estate planning, also wills, trusts, power of attorney They make sure the client understands it and if it will benefit them when they are older. Focus on the cost of long term care and how do deal with it. Help with emergency situations and how to problem solve. Veterans benefits and disabilites and special needs law.

Next Month's Member of the Month: Burkman Podietry

Today's Sponsors/Program:



THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Jim Nelson Post #58

2607 NW HWY 92 E SMITHVILLE MO 64089 816-532-8115

Commander: Gareth Lintt

Adjutant: Dennis R Beaudoin

DeWayne Knott thanked everyone for supporting them. He then presented a slide show with information about the Legion and how it was founded. The Smithville post was started in 1929. Members include not only veterans, but the sons of the American Legion, the Women's Auxiliary and the Legion Riders. The state headquarters is in Jefferson City.

What does the Legion do? Provide graveside honor guard, send participants to boys state, contributed to the Tiny House project by raising \$15,000, provide veterans aid, provide a color guard when requested, have a community band, got the Blue Star memorial highway from Smithville to Kearney dedicated in May 2013, get involved in local projects, help transient veterans and provide community memorials such as the 911 project on the downtown square. They send out Christmas packages to soldiers and also helped fund the movie No Greater Love in 2017. Latest project was working with Montel Williams on "Military Makeover".

Women's Auxiliary – put flags up downtown, grave flag placement, visit vets at nursing homes, send participants to girls' state, put up the Christmas tree of honor and make quilts for veterans.(111 made and distributed to date)

Sons of the American Legion- Angel flight, adopt a troop family, Smithville cemetery, City Mission Union, Tree of Honor and KC Honor flight.

Legion Riders group-funeral escorts, charity road trips, funeral security, tiny houses, community assistance.

Why do they do what they do? For God and this country to maintain law and order, to promote peace and goodwill and to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America.

Where do they do their thing? Hospitals, schools, Vet's homes,

How are they able to do all these things? By hosting fundraising events, member donations, and community donations.

They are open to the public and open 11 am to 1 am with food specials daily and serving from 11 am to 9 pm. They also offer Mack Porter hall that has a capacity of 300 to rent for all occasions, full kitchen, catering, sports lounge, heated outdoor patio, private meeting room, bingo on Sunday, and music bingo on Fridays.

Then DeWayne thanked everyone again for their support and introduced Debbie Childress to speak about the Valor Ranch. She let the membership know that they were hosting a Texas Hold 'em tournament at the Legion on 11/03 to raise funds to purchase a property to house homeless vets. They were looking for silent auction items, and tournament players, or could take a class by Lushes with Brushes and part of proceeds were being donated to the fundraising. On 11/11 they were having a dinner and dance and a drive to collect items for care packages for veterans.

Then all veterans were asked to stand up.

REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



Carol Noecker started her report by thanking DeWayne and the Legion and told the membership they could keep their cups that were provided by them.

Ribbon Cuttings: There were none to report.

New Members:

Bruner Contracting Company, LLC – Julie Bruner, Smithville Music – Tim Sublette, and Dry Cleaning to You – James Peuster.

BBQ Contest:

Carol thanked everyone involved with the BBQ bash including the city, and the board for all the hard work and getting the streets as good as they did for the event. She announced that R&R Smokers were the Grand Champions.

Shredder- Carol reminded everyone that the shredding service is open to all members so feel free to bring stuff by once a month.

Lunch sponsors: We are still in need of a lunch sponsor for December so anyone interested please let her know.

CITY REPORT



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Cynthia Wagner gave the city report.

- Not a lot of progress on the streetscape project due to the rain
- She thanked everyone for working with them on the streets being tore up for the BBQ bash
- The city is doing their best to get as much done and ready as possible for the rest of the events being held downtown.
- Currently a big hole on DD on the west side
- Mentioned that 10/10 there was a safe driving info event and on 10/27 a women's self defense class and to check their website for exact times and locations.

SCHOOL REPORT



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Todd Schuetz presented the following for the school district:

- Everyone is all settled in to the new facilities
- Total growth of students in the last three years is a total of 9, growth has slowed in students.
- City is going to fund a second resource officer for the schools
- Asked the city and they have issued 140 building permits so far this year.

Old Business:

- There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

- Last month David Cooper made a member motion from the floor for the Chamber to make up the financial difference the legion was lacking to fund the 9-11 project downtown. Scott said that there are no provisions in the by-laws that allow the funds to be given by a membership vote but, a motion can be presented to the board for consideration to pay out of the general fund.

- A motion was made by David Cooper to present to the board as follows:

I move we use funds from our general operating funds to pay the American Legion the balance of approximately \$292 for the 9-11 Memorial Fund.

The motion was seconded by Scott Pearson.

Discussion: Per the Bylaws, all non-recurring expenses are to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Approval of these funds will be discussed and voted on at the October 2018 Board meeting.

Scott called for a vote by show of hands of those in attendance who was in favor of presenting the motion to the board. Motion passed unanimously.

DeWayne Knott then presented David with a small gift for making the largest private donation to help fund the project.

Special Announcements and Drawings

Drawings included basket from the Legion and that was won by Shirley Kimsey.

\$27.00 was in the basket.

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:

- Nellie's is getting ready to kick off their monthly fudge delivery program.
- Smithville after prom clothes drive fund raiser is 11/10
- Methodist church is having a chili dinner on election day
- Dec. 1st is the lighted parade and they are wanting more businesses to enter
- 10/24 is a candidate forum at Woodneath library
- Cindy Unger said there was a flyer on the tables that showed new tax reform laws that we all need to be aware of
- Valor Ranch fundraiser is November 10

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 pm