



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: September 12, 2018
Smithville United Methodist Church
Sponsors: Citizens Bank and Trust and Estco Inc.**

President Scott Pearson called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Rebecca Mulford followed by the pledge.

Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

The August 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented for approval. Rick Gath made the motion to approve the report as presented and Don Hanks seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with a membership vote.

Scott mentioned the 9/11 memorial dedication that was downtown, asked who went and briefly discussed the event and how moving it was.

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:

Jenny Jones was unable to attend the meeting and give a 5 min presentation.

Shirl Nichols with the Smithville School District and director of the SHS FBLA organization spoke on the kids and their activities and what they do in FBLA, including their starting a coffee shop called the Warrior Grind and how they have paid it off already. She let us know as business owners what we can do to help them out. Students that were members of FBLA were sitting at each table around the room.

Next Month's Member of the Month: Sara Albright / Shepherd Elder Law Group

Today's Sponsors/Program:



100 MO-92, Smithville, MO 64089 phone: 816-532-8800

Pam Davis, President of Citizens Bank and Trust Smithville branch spoke for Citizens Bank.

- Pam thanked the FBLA members for being there and Shirl Nichols.
- She said she had lanyards for all of the FBL members there.
- Pam wondered if everyone who banked with them had a Warriors card? Still a lot of people who don't know about them.
- It's a specific Credit/Debit card you get for your account and every time you use it Citizens bank will donate money to the Smithville School District.
- To date, they have presented at total of \$51,000.
- Wayne Krueger, Asst. Superintendent of Smithville Schools stood up and said that the money was always put to good use and was used for things like scholarships and teachers grants.
- This program has 20 branches participating and they donate money to 33 schools.
- They also offer banking literacy classes and workshops that include topics like fraud. If interested in one let Pam know.

SECOND SPONSOR/PROGRAM



**Estco Inc and Meter Inc owned by Tom and Lori Kissinger
100 E Meadow Smithville, MO 64089 816-532-0600**

- Started business in 2002 doing surprise railroad audits.
- 2006-2007 expanded and created a fuel.
- 2013 were asked to calibrate gas pumps.
- Recently purchased Clower's old building for their office.
- They are still in the process of remodeling it, but doing it in the style of an old Standard gas station
- Showed a slideshow of the construction process including one of their son's boo-boo

REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



Carol Noecker started her report by thanking Pam, Lori and Tom for the lunch and Shirl with FBLA for being here.

Ribbon Cuttings:

St. Lukes will be having their ribbon cutting on 9/13 at 3:30 with an open house from 4-6 pm

Northland Christian Academy will be having a dual ribbon cutting with us and Platte City on 9/26 at 10:45 am and then a school tour.

Metro Pure Water will have one on 9/26 as well at 11:15. They are located in Major Mall

Mentioned the 9/11 dedication downtown and thanked DeWayne Knott for organizing the dedication.

New Members:

Northland Christian Schools, Kris Wheeler is the development director.

BBQ Contest:

- September 22, 2018 from 10-7 pm
- Still have spots open
- Lots of activities planned for the day
- Needs one more volunteer to help tally scores.
- If you want to put promotional items in the swag bags contact Carol right away.

Chamber Cash:

- People can spend it just like regular cash at your business.
- If you participate in it, bring the cash to the Chamber office and Carol will reimburse you.
- If you would like to be added to the program tell Carol.

Streetscape project:

Carol just reminded everyone that it is going to be so much better downtown and we are all working together to make it an awesome community so make sure you come out and support downtown and tell others to as well.

CITY REPORT



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Cynthia Wagner gave the city report.

- Starting 9/13 there will be a different path to get downtown opened.
- They will complete the courtyard today.
- 9/14 Demolition starts on the south side of Main St.
- Next week there will be a double crew working to get Main Street done for the BBQ bash.
- Mill to Smith St. will be closed but downtown is open for business.
- DD Bridge – MoDot is setting the girders for the bridge work to start, that will be completed in early November
- Monday night alderman meeting they presented the budget for next year. It showed no tax increases recommended and had funds for the Citizen Strategic Planning Process.
- Looking for volunteers from the community to serve on this panel to plan where we will be in 5-10 years

SCHOOL REPORT



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Wayne Kruger presented the following for the school district:

- Labor Day 9/3 had the ribbon Cutting at Eagle Heights and celebrated it's opening
- Please come tour any of the schools they are open any time just check in at the front.
- Day 7 of school is today....only 168 to go!
- Thanked the community and patrons for their support of the new improvements
- 10/5 is Homecoming, parade is at 2 pm route will be a bit different and the rally will be at Heritage Park
- They had 279 NEW students start on 9/4 of which 170 were new Kindergartners, 109 were relocation students.

Old Business:

- There was no old business to discuss.
- Scott introduced Cynthia Wagner again as being the new city administrator and thanked her for working so hard with us on the BBQ bash and getting the streets ready

New Business

- There was no new business to discuss by the president.
- David Cooper mentioned the 9/11 project and that DeWayne Knott had asked people to help the Legion cover the \$2500.00 expense they have incurred moving the 9/11 twin tower piece to Smithville and downtown. He then asked DeWayne what the deficit was and was told \$1200.00. David made a member motion for the Chamber to make up the difference the legion was lacking. Scott said that was something that had to be taken to the board, but thanked David for the motion and said the board would discuss it.
- Shirley Kimsey said she gave \$50.00 and she challenged everyone to do the same.

Special Announcements and Drawings

Drawings included a CYBMAT from Estco. It was Cover Your Bases MAT... It absorbs oil but let's water pass and will keep your driveway clean of oil \$249.00 value for the mat and one free liner insert.

\$19.00 was in the basket and that was won by Marie Luman. Then there were 12 drawings for the centerpieces and lunch bags from Citizens Bank and Trust.

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

Special ones included:

- Rotary is having their Dam Run on 9/23
- The Mid Continent Public Library was having a blood drive on 9/13 in the parking lot. And from 9/10 thru 9/16 if you donated food at the library for the local food pantries they would cancel ANY and ALL fines anyone had for overdue books. Any FBLA member they would just wipe out if they mentioned it.
- Fireside Fridays started back up again at Ladoga Ridge Winery. On 9/29 from 11-8 pm they were having their breast cancer event. Cranberry wine was just released. Room addition almost complete and will rent it out for parties.
- Northland Health Alliance is doing a health assessment in the northland and want everyone to go take a survey at clayhealth.com for feedback to clay county health department. Good for 48 hrs yet.
- The Methodist church is having their First annual Trivia night on October 7th
- Maria mentioned the Trunk or Treat at Smith's Fork park on 10/27 from 4-6:30 not scary 6:30-8 scary.
- Historical Society is giving home tours
- Harley thanked everyone for supporting the Lions club and Hot Summer Nights
- Platte Valley Bank hosting an Eat and Educate event – Business for Non Profits
- Rusty hiring at Motorcycle closeouts
- Metro Pure water hiring and used High School Guidance counselor to provide students looking for jobs so encouraged Rusty and Maria to do the same.

Shirl mentioned she teaches the three R's to the FBLA students: Respect, Responsibility, and be Real. She asked each FBLA member sitting at the tables to professionally introduce themselves to everyone at their table. FBLA has gone from 60 to 120 members and they are needing more volunteers. Warrior Fire is their version of Shark Tank and will be held on Dec. 14th from 8-11 and from 12:30-3

Scott thanked Citizens and Estco Inc for the food, sponsorship and program.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm