



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019
Smithville United Methodist Church
Sponsored by Smithville Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary Clubs**

The meeting was called to order by President Starla Janes at 12:03 pm.

The invocation was given by Rev. Rebecca Mulford followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

The June 2019 minutes were presented for approval. Scott Pearson moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Brian Fullmer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The May 2019 treasurer's report was presented for approval. Harley Morlock moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Ryan Stein seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Introductions

Chamber members introduced themselves and the business or organization they represent. All guests in attendance were also introduced and welcomed.

Program: Sponsored by Smithville's Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, and Rotary Club

David Cooper gave a brief presentation about the Kiwanis organization. It was founded in 1915 by Detroit businessmen and has grown into a global organization of 600,000 members with 15,000 clubs in 80 countries. Their mission has always been about creating better communities, but has narrowed its focus to making a lasting difference in the lives of children. Although Kiwanis is a service organization with many great local and global projects, they strive to not only be a community service group, but a community impact organization that continuously improves and betters Smithville and the surrounding community.

Nikki Lee also shared about an exciting Kiwanis project - a shelter project at Helvey Park. Plans are in initial stages, but this project could make Helvey a much more useful and inviting park.

Harley Morlock shared about the Lions Club. The organization is 102 years old, is present in over 200 countries, and has well over one million members. The Lions give to national and global humanitarian efforts through the Lions Club International Foundation, or LCIF. They work to eliminate blindness, eradicate measles, provide disaster relief, support diabetes research, and provide drug awareness through the Lions Quest program. Local projects include partnering with Lens Crafters to provide glasses for those in need, sponsoring the Hot Summer Nights concert series, and putting on the City-wide Garage Sale.

Ryan Stein presented information about the Rotary Club. It was founded in 1905 while the Smithville chapter was formed in 1983. International projects include eradicating polio and providing clean water to those in need around the world. Local projects include improving playgrounds at local elementary schools, giving dictionaries to 3rd graders, and hosting the 5K Dam Run. Rotarians meet every Thursday at noon in the Spellman room at St. Luke Hospital. Rotarian Josh Hurlbert also shared about local projects like Shop with a Cop, providing \$1000 scholarships, and building shelter houses. The Rotarian motto is "Service Above Self".

Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker

There was a ribbon cutting for Absolute Dignity on June 26th at the store's new location.

David Cooper with Edward Jones will have a ribbon cutting on Aug 1st at 11:30. This will be in conjunction with an open house from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm. All chamber members are invited.

Recipes for the Community Cookbook can be entered online or by filling out a recipe sheet and delivering to the chamber office. Recipes are needed by early August.

There will be a State of The Community Dinner on Thursday Sept 12th at SHS. Reception will begin at 6:00 with dinner following at 6:30.

The BBQ Bash planning is well under way, the event will be held on Sept. 28th. Events throughout the day include a vendor fair, gravel grinder bike race, cornhole tournament, watermelon eating contest, pie eating contest, and the Kiwanis Kids Zone. Show Me real estate is sponsoring a concert by Casi Joy to culminate the evening.

The Clay County Fair is this weekend. Events will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Saturday July 13th is TalleyPalooza, a free concert at Show Me Real Estate.

Check out the community calendar on the chamber website, it is full of upcoming events.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

City Administrator Cynthia Wagner commented on the Community Strategic Planning process. There has been positive community involvement with 120 attending the "Think Tank" meetings and over 400 surveys completed online. Another series of meetings will be held in September.

Cynthia recognized the attendees that are members of the community service organizations and acknowledged the high rate of community involvement in these groups.

There are a couple of upcoming construction projects. There will be a sidewalk built on Commercial St. from the high school to 169 and a trail is being built from downtown to the lake. The Amory Road repair will begin in August and hopefully be completed in November.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Ashley Jones

School is out for summer.

At a recent national competition, Robert Schwind of Smithville was named the National Champion Future Business Leader. The FBLA program led by Shirl Nichols placed 12th in the nation for its Green Tie Affair. Fantastic accomplishments for FBLA!

Next week the school will hold financial workshops to provide details on the schools finances.

School will start August 15th.

Old Business:

Dennis Brewer shared that we are moving forward with the Chamber of Commerce building facelift. An architecture drawing is being obtained in order to proceed.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Special Drawings

Dan Hartman won the cash drawing.

Special Announcements

Special announcements were made by chamber members advertising future events and activities in the Smithville community.

Valerie McClellan and Carolyn Major of Kindred Chevrolet announced that they are retiring. The dealership has been sold to Eric Gentry and his partners at Victory Chevrolet. Eric mentioned he plans on continuing the long standing tradition of high quality service with GM products. The Victory dealership group is a faith based business and strives to treat all customers according to the golden rule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.