



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019
Smithville United Methodist Church
Sponsored by Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative**

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 May 2019 minutes were presented for approval. Phil Zehms moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Dan Hartman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The May 2019 treasurer's report was presented for approval. Holly Olsen moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Harley Morlock 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 Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative

Rebecca Pendleton Meek, Director of Marketing for Platte Clay, shared an electric safety presentation. She introduced Jim Cox, who has been the safety director at Platte Clay since 1995. Jim stated that their goal is to keep your lights on while enhancing a culture of safety.

On display was a rural farm setting diorama that vividly demonstrated many common electric safety concerns. By electrifying certain areas of the table, Jim was able to show an electric arc, thereby demonstrating how electricity is always looking for a place to ground and will use the path of least resistance. He shared that electricity travels at 186,000 miles per second, so you can't pull away from it. Jim also stated that the electric current is what does the damage as

only 50 milliamps can cause a heart attack. Over 1000 people per year die from electrocution while 30,000 people per year suffer disabling injuries.

Rebecca and Jim shared some basic electric safety tips.

1. Look up to live! Watch out for overhead lines.
2. When digging underground, call 1-800 DIG RITE. It could save your life.
3. As for green power boxes out in the field, if it looks damaged, call Platte-Clay.
4. Stay clear of down power lines – it is hard to tell if they are energized or not.
5. If your vehicle comes in contact with a power line, bunny-hop away from it.

Rebecca closed by urging us all to ambassadors for electrical safety in our community.



Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker

There will be a ribbon cutting for Absolute Dignity on June 26th at the store’s new location, 108 Bridge Street.

The Community Cookbook is being developed. Recipes can be entered online or by filling out a recipe sheet and delivering to the chamber office.

The BBQ Bash planning is well under way, the event will be held on Sept. 28th. There is a 30 team limit. A vendor fair, bike race, and the Kiwanis kids fair are events of the day as well.

The Missouri Eats Program, a community food program, will meet downtown on June 29th.

Additional strategic planning community engagement meetings will be held June 27th and 28th.

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 stated that the Community Strategic Planning “Think Tank” Event went well. To continue the process, three, 1.5 hour sessions will be held on June 27th and 28th to allow more community input.

On Tuesday June 18th, the board of alderman will be discussing C.I.P.

Rain has caused issues on Amory Road and a sink hole has opened up on Main Street. The sink hole was caused by a failed service line. The Commercial street sidewalk construction from the high school to the southern side of town has started. The Commons construction is also well underway.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Wayne Krueger

School is out but summer is a busy time for school administration. Summer school will start June 10th and go through July 3rd with about 1000 kids involved. School starts back August 15th.

Smithville High School was recognized as the 2nd best high school in the state of Missouri out of 532 schools by US News and World Report. On a national level, Smithville came in as the 531st best school out of over 17,000! They were also ranked as the 3rd best school out of all schools in the KC metro area. A tremendous accomplishment and well deserved recognition for Smithville High School!

On May 28th, KMBC 9 news reported about a possible audit of the school district. There is already a local petition requesting an audit. If an audit happens because of petition, the school district is responsible for paying for the audit, which could require from \$45 – 65,000 of district funds. The board is asking the state auditor to come and do an audit which would relieve the school district of the audit expense.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Special Drawings

David Cooper won the cash drawing which he donated to the SWAT program.

Special Announcements

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.