



Smithville Chamber of Commerce  
March Board Meeting  
March 27, 2019

Ladoga Ridge Winery Hearth Room

Meeting called to order by President Rick Gath at 12:03 pm.

Attendees were Carol Noecker, Rick Gath, Starla Janes, David Cooper, Dave Marsh, Dennis Brewer, Holly Olsen, Pam Davis, Kelly Busch, and Scott Pearson.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The February 2019 Balance Sheet and Budget were presented for approval by treasurer Dave Marsh. Pam moved to approve the treasurer's report, Dennis seconded it. The motion passed.

About 20 members have not paid dues yet.

A spreadsheet containing current CD rates and maturity dates was presented. There was discussion regarding cashing in CDs, even it meant taking a penalty, to purchase current CDs with a higher rate. Scott suggested that we get bids on CDs before deciding. Holly moved that we gather early redemption penalty information on current CDs as well as request bids from chamber members who want to bid their current rates. Starla seconded the motion, the motion passed.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The February 2019 minutes were presented for approval by David Cooper. No corrections were noted.☺ Pam moved to approve the minutes. Starla seconded the motion, the motion passed.

#### **Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker**

New members are Clay County Children's Fund.

The new website is working well for recruiting and collecting payments.

Luncheon sponsors are still needed. The following months are spoken for:

April – Cowell James Forge Insurance Group

May – St. Lukes North

June – Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative

September – Citizens Bank and Trust

November – Security Bank

Carol is meeting with Amory Beaver to discuss a Bunco night fundraiser possibly at Ladoga Ridge. The idea will be researched further.

Carol gathered some more details concerning a cookbook fundraiser. Projections are to sell 100 to 200 cookbooks. Morris cookbooks can publish for \$4.40 each if 100 books are ordered. This was the most competitive bid. This would be a low risk project and would not require a lot of time.

Easter Egg Hunt is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 with the egg hunt starting at 10:00. Pride martial arts, 9 Round, NRAD, and SAFD will be on hand to provide something to do before the hunt begins.

May 11<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day in Smithville with Humphreys Gravel Grinder bike race and Larson's Cruise for the Cause. Help may be needed with registration for the bike race. The Lions Club and Kiwanis are partnering together with a pancake breakfast that morning as well.

Chamber Awards Banquet on April 27<sup>th</sup>. There are at least three nominations in each category. Seven big tables have been sponsored. The board will meet April 1<sup>st</sup> to vote on nominees.

### **Outreach Specialist – Kelly Busch**

There were 20 home visits this month. Kelly met the owners of Edge Gymnastics, they are interested in joining the Chamber.

The apartments on Mulberry will not be visited in the future. The new renters are not listed on the new homeowner list, only the owners.

### **EDC Report – Scott Pearson**

Meetings are held quarterly now. The results of a recent study showing current Smithville demographics were discussed.

### **Old Business**

Building project – Dennis said that they have not heard back from contractors yet so have nothing to report. Carol mentioned that Cara Massie (owner of Paradise Boat and RV Storage) might be someone who could prepare a design.

### **New Business**

It was suggested that the SWAT Team present their robot for a demonstration and share the opportunity to donate to their program. Because time is limited during the meeting, Kelly suggested they demonstrate from 11:30 to 12:00 and share briefly about their program at the beginning of the membership meeting.

Rick announced that he has a new career opportunity. He has accepted the library branch manager position in Buckner Missouri. With this new position, he will need to step down as president of the chamber. He will still be present and help at some events but will not be able to be in a leadership position. The executive board will discuss how to fill the vacant position.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

There being no further business, Kelly moved to adjourn. Starla seconded the motion. The motion passed at 1:19.