



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2019  
Smithville United Methodist Church  
Sponsored by Saint Luke's North Hospital - Smithville**

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Rebecca Mulford and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dennis Brewer.

**Meeting Minutes**

The April 2019 minutes were presented for approval. Shirley Kimsey moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Dan Hartman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

The April 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 Saint Luke's North Hospital**

Deb Wreidt, Director of Risk Management at St. Luke's Smithville, first thanked everyone for being named the business of the year at the recent awards banquet. She shared that they have a 80 year history, 16 campuses, 12,000 employees, with 816 employees in the Northland.

The Smithville hospital is a primary care facility that houses a 24 hour ER, Shape Fitness center, a Care Van Program and a behavioral health unit. Deb shared that May is mental health month. Suicide prevention is a focus as suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in Missouri.

Dan Malinowski is the Development Director for St Luke's. He informed us about the SLSH Foundation. Saint Luke's is unique among KC hospitals as it is the only one that is locally owned, faith based, and not for profit.

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

“Volunteer of the Month” - Carol recognized Angela Gillen. Angela was a tremendous help with the community awards banquet. She spent her Friday before the banquet helping decorate and set up the room. Thank you Angela for going above and beyond!

The Community Awards winners were announced. They are as follows:

William Parks Legacy Award – Jean Roe  
Business of The Year – Saint Luke's North Hospital  
Employee of the Year – Wayne Krueger  
Community Service Award – Johnny Viebrock  
Educator of the Year – Jason Ambroson  
Junior Citizen of the Year – Jackson Lakatos  
Citizen of the Year – Starla Janes  
Chamber Member of the Year – Cosentino's Price Chopper  
Smithville Rising Star – Chop's BBQ & Catering

Thank you to Molly Beale Photography for the great pictures of the event.

New members announced were Claire Delaney Sundermeyer as individual member, Nita Pidgeon with Absolute Dignity, Houston DeFoe with Watchmen Security Services, Kris Wheeler as individual member, Smithville High School FBLA (Shirl Nichols representing), and Scarlett Hamilton with United Healthcare/Banker's Life.

A ribbon cutting will be at the Courtyard Park on May 11<sup>th</sup> for the new Downtown Streetscape.

The BBQ Bash is coming up this fall, it will be held on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Platte Clay Electric will be sponsoring next month's membership meeting.

### **City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner**

City Administrator Cynthia Wagner shared that as most projects are completed, construction around town will take a break while future plans are being developed. May 11<sup>th</sup> will be a fun day for Smithville as Humphreys Gravel Grinder Bike Race and Larson's Cruise for the Cause Car Show are happening. Many supporting activities and events are occurring that day as well.

The Smithville Strategic Plan will continue to be developed and discussed at the June 8<sup>th</sup> Think Tank. Your involvement and input is welcomed and appreciated.

### **Smithville Public Schools Report – Todd Schuetz**

Big News – Smithville High School was recognized as the 2<sup>nd</sup> best high school in the state of Missouri by US News and World Report! The school had exceptionally high marks for advance placement and proficiency scores.

This week is teacher appreciation week. Graduation will be May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Silverstein Eye Center Arena in Independence. Upgrades around the school this year include new turf at the football stadium, new flooring, and some new roofing projects. Eagle Heights is already at capacity.

### **Smithville Area Fire Department – Dave Cline**

There were almost 400 incidents responded to with an average response time of around 7 minutes. The fire department installed 68 smoke alarms for people in the community. Six members of the department will be trained in swift water rescue this month. On June 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a blood drive at the station. Chief Dave also reminded all of us to keep house numbers clearly visible so emergency personnel can find the house when needed.

### **Old Business:**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **New Business:**

Mid- year elections were held to replace a vacated board position due to Rick Gath leaving the Chamber. There were a total of eight nominees. Angela Gillen of Edward Jones won the election for an at large board member.

### **Special Drawings**

Bob Foster won the cash drawing.

### **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 12:56 pm.**