



**Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2019
Smithville United Methodist Church
Sponsored by Security Bank of Kansas City**

The meeting was called to order by President Starla Janes at 11:50 am.

The invocation was given by Rev. Rebecca Mulford.

Leo Slenker of Security Bank introduced Dewayne Knott from the American Legion. Tom and Kay Peca served as the color guard while Dewayne led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Brockman and the Smithville High School Band played the Armed Forces Medley as veterans from each branch of service came forward to be honored. A rousing applause followed in honor of our veterans. Each veteran introduced themselves and told which branch of the military they served in and when.

Dewayne Knott also introduced two special guests. Emma Newland and Freda Renick built B-25 bombers at the Fairfax plant during WW II. They were honored with a standing ovation as the important role of "Rosie the Riveter" was explained. There were 9,860 B-25s built during WW II, 6,608 of them were built in the Fairfax plant.

Meeting Minutes

The October 2019 minutes were presented for approval. Cheryl Taylor moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Harley Morlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The September 2019 treasurer's report was presented for approval. Berry Parks moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Dan Hartman 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 Security Bank of Kansas City – Leo Slenker

Leo Slenker invited Dewayne Knott to speak about veterans and Veterans Day. Dewayne shared that Veterans Day was established to honor those who served in the military and to remember the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the time when the war to end all wars ended. Dewayne gave

an emotional speech honoring those who served in wars from the Revolutionary War to the current War on Terror. He reminded us of the ideals for which they fought and the price that they paid. He shared that “freedom must be fought for and defended at all costs for the inalienable rights which we were endowed by our creator”. Dewayne’s speech was well received and greatly appreciated.

Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker

Membership renewals are happening now. Renewals can be done in person or online. Please be sure that your contact information is correct.

The new chamber directories will be printed soon. Bids for printing are requested.

Chamber board elections are next month; nominations are open for all positions.

Small Business Saturday will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Get \$10 in chamber cash with the purchase of \$100 in goods from Smithville small businesses.

Candyland Christmas will be on Dec. 7th and 13th in downtown Smithville. On December 7th there will also be the lighted Christmas parade followed with the lighting of the Mayor’s Christmas Tree.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

The strategic planning process will continue to be facilitated by Future IQ. Five key pillars have been identified for future development. This is an ongoing project that still welcomes community input and involvement.

In early December, there will be a meeting to discuss the amenities to be included along the main street trail from downtown Smithville to the lake.

The Missouri Mainstreet Program kicked off on November 12th.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Wayne Krueger

There are only a couple of calendar items that Wayne will share later.

On behalf of the school and students, Wayne thanked all of the veterans.

Old Business:

There was no old business discussed.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Special Drawings

Rhonna Mack won the cash drawing. The patriotic centerpieces were also drawn for.

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.