



Smithville Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2019
Smithville United Methodist Church
Sponsored by Show Me Real Estate / Gagnon Law Firm

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

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

Meeting Minutes

The September 2019 minutes were presented for approval. Cari Singleton moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Harley Morlock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The August 2019 treasurer's report was presented for approval. Lia Jennings moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented, Melissa Myers 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 Show Me Real Estate and Gagnon Law Firm

Dirk Talley, owner of Show Me Real Estate, told how he got started in the real estate business. As a young farm boy, he first became interested in studying plat maps when he was only 8 years old. Through farming and real estate, he has been keenly interested in land for a long time.

Dirk introduced Joe Gagnon, an estate planning specialist who is an attorney Show Me Real Estate regularly works with. Joe presented a very educational talk regarding the basics of estate planning. He stated that everyone should have a power of attorney, a health care directive, and a will. The goal is to have a will but never use it since the will has to go through the probate process. Joe stated (tongue in cheek) that if you don't have an estate plan in place, don't worry, the state of Missouri has one for you. Many times the probate process can be avoided altogether through proper planning and preparedness. The main objective of estate planning is to pass property outside of probate to ensure that your property goes to whom you desire. This can often happen through the use of a trust and proper registration.

Executive Director Report – Carol Noecker

New members this month are Epic Vision Eye Centers/Jenni Barton, Coast to Coast Reps, LLC/Mark Miller, and TMZKK Management, LLC/Kristine Bunch.

The inaugural State of the Community Dinner was a great success. The school system, city leaders, chamber leaders, and first responder chiefs all reported on their respective areas of expertise. Smithville is a vibrant and growing community with a positive future.

The BBQ Bash was cancelled due to inclement weather. The board made the decision to cancel the night before the event as thunderstorms were predicted (and occurred) on Sept 28th. Teams were notified the evening of the 27th. An alternative date was offered, but there were not enough teams able to reschedule.

The Bunco Bash went well and was a lot of fun as well as a great networking opportunity. Special thanks to Lane Accounting and Metro Pure Water for their organization and sponsorship of the event and to Ladoga Ridge Winery for hosting the event.

Chamber board elections will be coming soon, information will be sent out.

Don't forget about the Chamber Benefit Plan as an optional health insurance benefit for all chamber members.

Candyland Christmas will be on Dec. 7th and 13th in downtown Smithville.

City of Smithville Report – Cynthia Wagner

The city administration is finishing the budget process for the 2020 budget. The strategic planning process will continue with the plan rollout on Nov. 9th at SHS auditorium. A bid has been awarded for the Amory road repairs, the hope is to have the road usable by the end of November. The Marketplace building project is underway with building construction. The new Kozak's restaurant building has been approved as well.

Smithville Public Schools Report – Wayne Krueger

As of Sept. 25, the school district enrollment is up 49 students over last year. The total enrollment is 2,647 students. Wayne mentioned that there are several job openings for support staff in the school district.

Old Business:

Dennis Brewer reported on behalf of the building improvement committee. We have official bid specifications with an architectural drawing but are having a difficult time finding contractors to bid on the project. Some local contractors and chamber members have been contacted but we need more bids.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Special Drawings

Pete Browning 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 1:01 pm.