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## Anthony Chamber of Commerce

### Board of Directors Minutes

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February 21, 2018

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held February 21, 2018. Directors present were Curt Clark, Ron Poor, Eric Smith, Donna Crowe, Kayla Brown and Gwen Warner. Absent were, Wes Higgs, Pat Myers, Bette DeMeritt and Janie Gates.

President Curt Clark, called the meeting to order. Motion by Eric Smith, seconded by Donna Crowe, to approve the January 3, 2018 minutes. Motion Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Annual Meeting Update – Gwen reported that we have not received a bill from Kristy's Kafe at this time. We had several people make reservations and we had food reserved for them. We will need to discuss how to handle this before our next annual meeting. We had good reports about the noon meeting and they especially enjoyed the food and the entertainment. We had about 89 people attending the meeting which is a really good turn-out for a noon meeting.
- **Retail Committee Update** – The retail committee will be participating in a gift basket promotion on April 7. Erica Williams will have 100 women in town for a Women's Retreat at the Christian Church of Anthony. They are asking for a basket from the businesses worth \$50 and they will be reimbursed \$25 for each basket they provide.
- **Balloon Fest Transient Guest Grant Application** – The City of Anthony approved our application for the 2018 Sunflower Balloon Fest in the amount of \$11,500. Discussion was held on title sponsorship for the balloon fest.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Corrected January Financial** – Motion by Donna seconded by Eric Smith to approve the amended January financial. Motion Carried.
- **Downtown Discussion** – Gwen was approached by a lady from Wellington who wishes to put in a dog grooming business. She has a pit bull that travels with her and she will check with the city to see if they are allowed within the city limits.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **CID Committee** – The CID Finance Committee is looking for another member or two and are asking the Chamber Board if they have any suggestions. Committee members must own a business or work within the CID District and the committee only meets (generally at noon or 1 p.m. at the Courthouse) when there is an application to consider. Current members include: Lyle Wellbrock of Marshall Jewelry, Charlie Coggins of Farmahouse5/Central Energy, Melinda McCurley, County Community Development Director and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners and Ruth Elliott.

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- **Nominations for 2018 Kansas Business Appreciation - Nominations are being accepted for the 2018 Kansas Business Appreciation Awards.** Kansas businesses are the engines of economic growth. They better the quality of life in our state by creating jobs, investing in our communities and supporting local activities. In 2018, we are once again excited to honor the businesses in our state and invite you to join us by nominating the successful businesses in your community for the 2018 Kansas Business Appreciation Month Awards. The top nominees will be recognized at the Team Kansas awards banquet on June 5 at the DoubleTree hotel in Lawrence, and the winner will take home the 2018 Governor's Award of Excellence, the highest award given to a business by the state.

Nominations will be accepted in four categories: manufacturing/distribution, retail, service and hospital/non-profit. Businesses can be nominated by an individual or organization, and nominators may submit multiple companies for consideration. **The nomination deadline is Friday, March 30 at 5 p.m.** To submit an online nomination, please visit <http://kansascommerce.gov/BAM>

**Other Business:**

**Business Climate Report:**

Eric Smith announced that he and Kathy resigned as managers of the Cobblestone Inn & Suites. They continue to help with the transition while they find a new manager.

Donna Crowe reported on that we are getting ready for new wireless fire sirens and they will really be loud. Donna is also working on a grant to put rock on the shoreline at the lake. President Curt Clark said the walking path is very nice addition.

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:44 p.m.** - Motion by Donna Crowe seconded by Kayla Brown, to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Warner Executive Director

**Announcements:**

March 1-2-3..... Sales Days in Anthony  
March 3..... 4<sup>th</sup> Harper County's Got Talent – Anthony Theatre  
March 7..... Chamber Board Meeting  
March 11..... Daylight Savings Time Begins