
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

March 1, 2017

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held March 1, 2017, at the Anthony Chamber of Commerce Office. Directors present were, Curt Clark, Ron Poor, Janie Gates, Eric Smith, Janie Gates, Pat Myers, Bette DeMeritt, Wes Higgs and Gwen Warner. Absent was Mike Lanie and Shea Lounsbury.

President Curt Clark, called the meeting to order. Motion by Eric Smith, seconded by Janie Gates, to approve the February 15, 2017 minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Sunflower Balloon Fest Update** – Gwen Warner gave an update on the upcoming Sunflower Balloon Fest. The committee is in the process of trying to book *The DreamShip*, which is a hot air balloon that's literally made from the dreams of the children of fallen and disabled military heroes. The fabric of the balloon features illustrations by these children, Folds of Honor scholarship recipients, showcasing what they want to be when they grow up. Thanks to Rite Aid, every time the DreamShip takes flight, it's lifting the dreams of these special children.



Since 2007, the Folds of Honor has carried forth this singular, noble mission. To provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service-members. Their motto says it best. Honor Their Sacrifice. Educate Their Legacy. Gwen said Wil LaPointe will be our Balloon Meister this year and will be bringing two of his special shape balloons Keystone Willy and the Con. The committee is also working on possible ways to bring the Kite Festival back this year.

- **Annual Meeting Financial** – The board reviewed the annual meeting financial.
- **Committee Appointments** – President Clark reminded the board to let him or Gwen know what committee they would like to serve on if they haven't done so already.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

- **Review the February Financial** – Motion by Ron Poor, seconded by Janie Gates to approve the February Financial. Motion Carried.
- **Eagle Med/Air Med Care** – The board reviewed information on the Eagle Med/Air Med Care proposal from Nate Brown. There is no cost to the chamber in offering this discounted benefit to the chamber members/employees. It would provide a good membership retention incentive at a discounted price of \$55 per year. Their mission is to make it possible for people living in rural areas to get the life-saving emergency care they need, when the need it. The board will re-consider this proposal after we receive more information from Nate Brown.

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- **Telephone Changes** – Gwen Warner informed the board of some changes made to our telephone service that should save us approximately \$20 per month instead of our monthly bill going up about that same amount.
- **Approval to Apply for Funds from Wayne Denis Committee** – Gwen has been advised by Steve Wilkinson that we will need to replace the skylines that go across Main Street at Christmas time by next Christmas. Since the funds we have in the Christmas account are for replacing the light lines and bulbs on the buildings we will need to find a source of funding in order to do this. The board gave Gwen permission to apply for funds and let the Christmas Committee handle decision on what and how many skylines we can do by Christmas.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board reviewed a flyer from Sumner County Farm Bureau with dates for a legislative listening tour. The meetings will be held in Wellington, Argonia Community Building and Conway Springs on March 2, 2017.

Eric Smith reminded us of the upcoming *Anthony Theatre's Got Talent Show* which is scheduled for March 4, at 7 p.m. At this time they have 12 performers signed up.

BUSINESS CLIMATE REPORT

There was no Business Climate Report.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 p.m. - Motion by Pat Myers, seconded by Wes Higgs, to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Warner Executive Director

Announcements:

- *March 2, 2017 – Sumner County Farms Bureau Listening Tour*
- *March 4, 2017 – Anthony Theatre's Got Talent Show*
- *March 15, 2017 – Next Chamber Board Meeting at noon*
- *March 21, 2017 – Next Retail Meeting at Chamber Office at 8:30 a.m.*
- *May 12-13-14 – 20th Annual Sunflower Balloon Fest*