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## Anthony Chamber of Commerce

### Board of Directors Minutes

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April 19, 2017

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held April 19, 2017, at the Anthony Chamber of Commerce Office. Directors present were, Curt Clark, Ron Poor, Janie Gates, Eric Smith, Wes Higgs, Amber Kummer, Bette DeMeritt and Gwen Warner. Absent were Mike Lanie and Pat Myers. Also present was Melinda McCurley.

President Curt Clark, called the meeting to order. Motion by Eric Smith, seconded by Janie Gates, to approve the March 29, 2017 minutes. Motion Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Sunflower Balloon Fest Update** – Gwen Warner had post cards and posters available for the board to put up in their businesses. Gwen gave a brief report on the progress of the balloon fest activities. Gwen also said she tried advertising on Facebook and this has worked very well. As a matter of fact we may have got a title sponsor for next year from Mid Kansas Electric, through this advertising venue. Bette DeMeritt also said the Sunflower Balloon fest was listed as the top 10 events in Kansas.
- **Retail Meeting Update** – Virginia Downing updated those present on the Anthony Theatre's "Grand Little Opry" to take place during Fall Fest. At this time they have 10 to 12 singers already lined up. Lix LePard discussed the idea of a business incubator similar to what Greensburg has. Lix will get more information for us. Also discussed was a Cinco de Mayo promotion or a Star Wars "Go Fourth". The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, at 8:30 am at the Chamber office.
- **Fall Fest** – Many ideas have been discussed for fall fest but most of the serious planning will take place after the balloon fest and Harper County 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Air Med Care** – Gwen said she had received the enrollment information from Nate Brown of the Eagle Med/Air Med Care Network. This information has been e-mailed out to the membership on April 19, 2017. Nate Brown will be in attendance for the Health Fair and will be available in case anyone has questions. He also plans to have the helicopter there.
- **Downtown Discussion** – Amber Kummer said that Jason Godfrey has been working on getting a call center and one idea was the downtown buildings. He did get a pamphlet together for SCTelcom.
- **Board Position** – Motion by Ron Poor to elect Amber Kummer to fill the unexpired term of Shea Lounsbury, that nominations cease and Amber be elected by acclamation. Motion Carried. Curt Clark welcomed Amber Kummer to the board.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Approve New Member** – Motion by Janie Gates, seconded by Wes Higgs to approve Eagle Med/Air Med Care (Nate Brown) as a new board member. Motion Carried.

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- **Review March Financial** – Motion by Eric Smith, seconded by Janie Gates to approve the March financial. Motion Carried.
- **Jason Godfrey** – Jason Godfrey of Better Cities contacted Gwen by e-mail asking to have a conference call with the board today. Later after consulting with the Mayor, they decided to wait while the Mayor thinks this through.
- **Storm Shelters** – Tornado shelter locations for anyone in the Anthony area are: Cobblestone Inn & Suites, (816 W Wheatridge Dr), Anthony Medical Center (110 E Spring) and the Anthony Municipal Hall Basement (130 E Main). Prairie Rose Funeral Home will no longer have a shelter.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Anthony Public Library will celebrate their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 20 from 3 – 6 p.m.

Melinda McCurley said the Harper Chamber and Harper County Community Development is putting on an Outdoor Expo on September 30. This event will be held at the fairgrounds in Harper. Melinda invited the Anthony chamber to have a booth or help recruit vendors. They will also have activities for the kids as well as booths.

**BUSINESS CLIMATE REPORT**

K.Lanes (Diana Schmidt) is closing her store in Anthony.

Kenneth Bellesine Appreciation Day, will be May 5, at the Anthony Kiwanis meeting, which is held at the Education room at the Anthony Medical Center, at noon. Ken has been recognized as a possible Small Business Person of the year by the SBA.

Hasu Brakta is now the new owner of the Wheatland Inn. He is looking for someone to manage the motel.

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:32 p.m.** - Motion by Ron Poor, seconded by Eric Smith, to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Warner Executive Director

**Announcements:**

May 3.....	Chamber Board Meeting
May 12-13-14.....	Sunflower <sup>sm</sup> Balloon Fest (20 <sup>th</sup> Annual)
May 12.....	Sunflower <sup>sm</sup> Balloon Fest Mixer (5:30 – 7 p.m.)
May 13.....	Sunflower <sup>sm</sup> Balloon Fest (19 <sup>th</sup> Annual) Parade (2 p.m.)
May 13.....	"Show & Shine Car Show"
May 13.....	Chaparral High School Graduation
May 16.....	Retail Meeting (8:30 a.m.)
May 17.....	Chamber Board Meeting