
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

June 7, 2017

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held June 7, 2017, at the Anthony Chamber of Commerce Office. Directors present were, Curt Clark, Ron Poor, Pat Myers, Janie Gates, Amber Kummer and Gwen Warner. Absent were Bette DeMeritt, Mike Lanie, Wes Higgs and Eric Smith.

President Curt Clark, called the meeting to order. Motion by Ron Poor, seconded by Janie Gates, to approve the May 17, 2017 minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Harper County 4th of July Celebration** – Gwen Warner updated the board on the upcoming Harper County 4th of July Celebration. Activities include some of the old favorites such Hot Dog Eating Contest, Coed Sand Volleyball, Fishing Contest, Digital Scavenger Hunt, Helicopter Rides Jet Ski Drag Racing (is pending) and the Turtle races return to the day's line-up. New this year is "1st Annual 5K Run Walk & Splatter" which is sponsored by Anthony Community Care Center. This year we will sell buttons for a chance to win a helicopter ride for three, to watch the fireworks from the air. We have other small prizes as well. Buttons sell \$3 each or 3 for \$5 and just 500 buttons have been ordered. Get your early before they are gone! Gwen reminded everyone that we still are in need of prizes for the intermission give-a-way. Pat Myers volunteered to provide us with a folding lawn chair from John Deere.
- **City Wide Garage Sale** – Gwen Warner reported on the City Wide Garage Sale. We had more people sign up than usual, and of course it rained about half through the day. I think most were able to move their items to a porch or inside before it started pouring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Downtown Discussion** – There was nothing new on the downtown.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Conference Call with Jason Godfrey** – Jason discussed the possibility of whether the Chamber would be interested in helping with the long term phases of the City's development plan. We would need to put the 7-year comprehensive plan in motion and help change the perception of Anthony as a vital economic environment. We would be responsible of helping adopt the plan and helping move it forward. The board seemed to feel at this time, we needed an economic development person to do this, as it would be necessary to have a person with the time and the funds to carry out this plan.
- 2) **Review May Financial** – Motion by Janie Gates, seconded by Amber Kummer to approve the May financial. Motion Carried.
- 3) **Nominating Committee** – President Clark appointed Curt Clark, Ron Poor, Bette DeMeritt and Gwen Warner to the nominating committee. Current board members eligible for re-election include Mike Lanie, Ron Poor and Amber Kummer. Prior to the third week in September, the Nominating Committee shall present to the Executive Director a slate of three (3) candidates to serve three-year terms to replace the Directors whose regular terms are expiring. Each candidate must be an

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active member in good standing and must have agreed to accept the responsibility of a directorship.

- 4) **Anthony Chamber of Commerce will be 100 years old in 2019** – Discussion was held about how soon a committee needs to be assigned to begin planning for this big event. Ron Poor suggested we need to change our logo, our letterhead, perhaps have 100 year lapel pins and a special calendar. There is much to think about especially if we decide to make it a monthly type celebration.
- 5) **Music Festival at Anthony Lake** – Discussion was held on the possibilities of having a music festival at the Anthony Lake, possibly in September 2018. Marshall Matthews and Nathan Still have volunteered to help with one if we decide to try it.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ★ Gwen informed the board that Sherrie Eaton volunteered to go through the files stored upstairs at the city building. Sherrie cleaned out everything and brought items that we need to save here to the Chamber office. We are very thankful for Sherrie taking on this project as it was a hot, time consuming project.
- ★ Harper Chamber is sponsoring a Farmers Market on June 7 from 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

BUSINESS CLIMATE REPORT

- ★ Ribbon Cutting for the name change and open house for Iron Gates Insurance (111 North Kansas). The ribbon cutting will take place at 11 a.m. June 15 and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned - Motion by Janie Gates, seconded by Pat Myers, to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Warner Executive Director

Announcements:

June 20.....	Retail Meeting (8:30 a.m.)
June 21.....	Chamber Board Meeting
June 29-30 July 1.....	Sales Days in Anthony
July 4.....	Harper County 4th of July Celebration
July 5.....	Chamber Board Meeting
July 18.....	Retail Meeting (8:30 a.m.)
July 19.....	Chamber Board Meeting