
Anthony Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Minutes

July 19, 2017

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held July 19, 2017, at the Anthony Chamber of Commerce Office. Directors present were, Curt Clark, Ron Poor, Janie Gates, Wes Higgs and Gwen Warner. Absent were Pat Myers, Bette DeMeritt, Mike Lanie, Amber Kummer and Eric Smith. (Eric Smith participated in voting by phone in order to have a quorum). Also present was Sherrie Eaton.

President Curt Clark, called the meeting to order. Motion by Janie Gates, seconded by Ron Poor to approve the June 21, 2017 minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Retail Update** – Gwen Warner gave the board a copy of the latest retail minutes. Discussion was held on Destination Small Town, Candy Cane Cash and a promotion to be held on August 3, with sidewalk sales and special “dog” activities to go along with our August issue of Shopping Anthony idea of “Dog Days of Summer”.
- **Harper County 4th of July Celebration** – Gwen Warner reported on the well attended Harper County 4th of July Celebration. The activities were well attended and the evening entertainment was outstanding. The winner of the helicopter ride was Britt Hedlund. The Fun Run was a real success under the direction of the girls from Anthony Community Care Center. We were very thankful for the volunteers who made the 4th once again very successful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Approve June Financial** – Motion by Ron Poor, seconded by Wes Higgs to approve the June financial. Motion Carried.
2. **Approve New Business** – Motion by Wes Higgs, seconded by Janie Gates to approve Anthony Friendship Meals (Donna Bagnell) a new member.
3. **Retail Request** – Sherrie Eaton presented information about Destination Small Town whose mission is to help small towns provide information about what makes each community unique. Sherrie asked permission to apply to the Transient Guest for the \$600 necessary to apply for consideration to be one of the featured towns on their web site. Motion by Ron Poor, seconded by Janie Gates to approve Sherries request for the Chamber to apply for \$600 from the Transient Guest Tax. Motion Carried.
4. **KanOkla Request** – The board reviewed the request from KanOkla for the 15th annual safety day set for September 22, 2017 at the Sumner County Fairgrounds in Caldwell, Kansas.

5. **Unpaid Dues** – A list of unpaid dues were reviewed by the board. Gwen and President Clark will compose a personal letter to those businesses signed by the president, telling of the benefits of membership and let them know we need their support.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ★ Information on Workforce Training from Karen Oller was presented to the board. Businesses and individuals are able to get free AHA Heartsaver First Aid, CPR and AED training. This is provided by the Harper Hospital Outreach Department and is free to all businesses and their employees. There are just four (4) sessions left.

BUSINESS CLIMATE REPORT

- ★ A sign went up this morning at the Smoke Shack announcing they will be closing their business and everything must be sold.

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Warner Executive Director

Announcements:

August 2.....	Chamber Board Meeting-Nominating Committee Appts
August 3-4-5.....	Sales Days in Anthony
August 9-12.....	Harper County Fair
August 12.....	Demolition Derby
August 14.....	Board of Education Meeting
August 16.....	Chamber Board Meeting
August 15.....	Retail Meeting (8:30 a.m.)
August 26, 2017.....	Anthony Theatre Car Cruise #3