***MINUTES***

***ROSE HILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE***

***EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING***

***12:00 pm, Thursday, February 16, 2017***

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The monthly Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Jason Jones and held at The Rose Room on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 12:00pm. Other board members present were: Aubry Dieter, Christina Zenner, Chris Wendt, Lane Gregg, Mia Lee, Teresa Hammond, and Garth Kellenbarger.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the December 2016 meeting were presented. Christina moved to approve the minutes as they were. Garth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Garth presented the Treasurer’s report. Balances are: $9,554.83 in the operating account, $700 in the website account, $1000 in the car show account, $86.52 in the scholarship account, and $8,281.49 in the CD. Chris moved to approve the minutes as presented. Christina seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**MIXER REPORT:**

The January mixer was hosted by Lee Media Group. They reported a good turn out and one new business joined the chamber as a result – Preferred Properties of Kansas. Autobody Connections won the drawing. The next mixer will be March 16th at Emprise Bank. Dopps Chiropractic has expressed an interest in hosting the May mixer. They will have a new Doctor at that time. Currently, Brad Dopps is covering the Rose Hill facility on Monday’s and Wednesdays.

**WEBSITE REPORT:**

Currently have 36 paid members. We are in need of more website sponsors. Window clings for all members are available at Lee Media and at the mixers. Need content idea for the Chamber Newsletters.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fall Festival – interested in moving the BBQ to Shorty Cox Park, and sponsoring a Beer Garden again, in that same area. The BBQ contest would be near the concession stand in the baseball park. Lee Media would help host the Beer Garden. Will need to check with the Fall Festival committee & the city to see if there are adequate facilities in the area (space, electric outlets, etc.) and/or what would need to be done to make the space work. The Fall Festival committee is discussing setting up the street dance as more of a concert style with a variety of bands, instead of having a DJ come in.

The Fall Festival Car Show will have shirts made up with space for multiple sponsors.

The Historical Society is hosting their annual car show on May 6th. Hometown Christmas will be held December 9th.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussed the procedural policy for the Chamber’s entrepreneurial scholarship. Established new guidelines, including:

* The scholarship is open to both Juniors and Seniors, but recipient can only be awarded once and must use it the following school year.
* Deadline for applications is April 3rd, due to the school counselor’s office, and will be due to the Chamber by April 15th. Selection will be made by May 1st.
* Recipient will be selected by the Chamber Executive Board.
* The scholarship check will be awarded to the student upon presentation of a receipt showing tuition is paid.
* The recipient will be recognized at the Highs School Awards Ceremony and at the Chamber’s Annual Dinner.

Discussed the Annual Chamber Dinner. Reviewed a list of possible speakers. It was decided to reach out to Beth Tully with Cocoa Dulce to see if she is available this year. Date will depend on the speaker’s availability in June.

The city lighting project team has decided to focus their funds on the Rose Hill Bridge. A suggestion was made to contribute the proceeds from the Chamber’s annual Pancake Feed to the city Christmas lights project. Garth made a motion in favor of the donation. Chris seconded. The motion passed. The pancake feed will be on Saturday, April 29th, from 7-10am.   
  
The Citywide Garage Sale will be on April 29th. The Christmas Lighting Project is asking businesses to host a garage sale and donate the funds to the lighting project. Autobody Connections volunteered to be a collection point for anyone who wants to donate items to the garage sale, but does not wish to host a sale themselves.

The next General Assembly meeting is slated for July 20th. We will be joined by Karol Ikeda, Economic Development Specialist from the Wichita office of the Small Business Administration. She will sharing what the SBA can do to benefit local businesses.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, March 16th. Chris made a motion to adjourn. Garth seconded.   
  
**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.  
Respectfully Submitted:  
  
*Aubry Dieter, Secretary*

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