

**COMMITTEE OF 100
MINUTES**

DATE: December 13, 2018

Meeting called to order: The December 13, 2018 meeting of the Committee of 100 was called to order at 12:00pm by President Ron Jordan at Central United Methodist Church. Lunch was provided by Lenoir City Cracker Barrel.

Invocation: Scott Layer gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Davis.

There were 75 members and guests standing. Several prospects members/guests introduced themselves.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motion was made by Mark Hackney to approve the November 2018 minutes. Second by John Evans. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Presented by Joel Malone. Year to date Summary Balance \$19,917.24, Deposits: (Dues) \$945.00, Expenses: (Lunch) \$709.47, (Meeting Rental) \$297.24. Bridge Project Balance \$1725.06. No deposit or expenses. Chip Miller made a motion to except the treasurer's report. Second by Bart Howell. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Loudon County Chamber of Commerce- Clayton Pangle: The taste of Loudon County will be on March 1, 2019 at The Venue in Lenoir City from noon to 6pm. Contact Mary Bright or Sandi Campbell to sign up to be a food vendor.
- Loudon County - Mayor Buddy Bradshaw: US Flag disposal in Loudon County is sponsored by the American Legion Post 129. A permanent memorial for Unknown Soldiers of Loudon County will be on display at the Loudon county Courthouse beginning in January of 2019. If you have any memorabilia to donate or loan, contact the Mayor's office.
- Lenoir City – Beth Collins: No road updates from TDOT. Under construction list: Fairfield behind Shoney's, Country Kinfolk's four cabins, Mc Donald's remodel, space beside Petro's will contain between one and four rental spaces but has no tenants yet. The Lenoir City Eye Center building is complete, but the Surgery Center is not. Cook's Pest Control is almost finished. Family Brands is rebuilding from the fire and plan to be operable by May of 2019. Which Witch is expected to take rental on Kelsey Lane. Avid Hotel is coming soon across from Krystal's.
- LCEDA – Jack Walsh: Loudon County received about five site visits from 39 request for information packets that were sent out. None of them landed any new projects.

SPECIAL FEATURE:

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- Rotary - John Evans and Gary Ubben: Rotary donated \$2500 to S.T.A.R's and worked with the Lenoir City Schools to raise \$15,000 to donate to a rescue mission to drill a well in South Sudan.
- Civitan – Tim Finnegan: Civitan is 100 years old. In 2018, they collected donations for the Lenoir City splash pad and transportation to S.T.A.R. by way of the Annual Lenoir City Car Show which was held on September 21, 2018.
- Good Sam – Jane Whitaker: The Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County is a home grown organization that is 20 years old. It ministers to Loudon County residents by partnering with the United Way, assisting LCUB and LUB bill payments, and giving food boxes to seniors once a month. 2018's Annual Thanksgiving Basket giveaway total was 400 food baskets.
- Boys and Girls Club – Dean Deatherage: The facility is paid off. Three staff members have been through the program since they were the age of five. Staff concerns: Fosters, children being raised by grandparents, and state wards. They all need stability. "Kids Prime" is a fund raiser to sponsor a child to attend Boys and Girls Club for one year.
- Smoky Mountain Service Dogs – Mike Kitchens: Their mission is to enhance Veteran's lives. They recently opened a 6500 square foot, 6-dog, Lenoir City facility off of Fairview Rd and are accepting donations. Each service dog goes through 1500-1800 hours of personal training over a two year period before going to a Veteran. There is no cost to the Veteran. The dog and Veteran will then go through a two week training period together. So far, they have helped 28 Veterans. The organization is 100% volunteer ran.
- United way – Judy Fenton: The United Way is 58 years old. They raise funds to provide grants to other nonprofits. Their goal for 2019 is to raise \$450,000 to distribute to 28 nonprofits and 36 programs.
- Education Foundation – Michelle Lewis: LCEF started in 1998 from the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce to support Education. LCEF is a clearing house for the Imagination Library, Since 2012, \$625,000 has supported education in the LC School Systems by way of scholarships and classroom grants. On March 21, 2019, 208 Young Achievers will receive their awards. #RunLoco Marathon had 211 finishers and over 200 volunteers. Another one will be held in 2019 around December 7.
- Habitat – Tony Gibbons: There is a growing need for affordable housing in Loudon County. Habitat built three new homes in 2018. Six homes were repaired for the elderly or handicapped. Three new home builds are planned for 2019.

Motion to adjourn by Harvey Sproul. Second by members standing.

MEETING ADJOURNED by President Ron Jordan 1pm.

SUBMITTED BY: Heather Phillips, Secretary