

COMMITTEE OF 100 MINUTES

Date: February 13, 2020

Meeting called to order: The February 13, 2020 meeting of the Committee of 100 was called to order by President John Evans at The Venue at Lenoir City. Lunch was provided by Joe's Italian of Lenoir City.

Invocation: Ron Jordan gave the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Finnegan.

There were 92 members and guest standing. Several prospective members/guests introduced themselves.

MINUTES APPROVED: Mark Hackney made a motion to approve the minutes; and a second motion was made by Shauna Oden. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Presented by Joel Malone. Year to date Summary Balance \$16,367.91. Deposits: (Dues) \$2787.34 Expenses: (Lunch) \$646.82 (Meeting Rental) \$726.70 Insurance (\$340.00). Bridge Project Balance: \$1725.06, No deposits or expenses. Grand Total: \$17,441.73. A motion was made by Ron Jordan to accept the report and a second was made by Doug Davis. Motion was passed.

Community Updated and Announcements:

- The Venue – Stephanie Nelson, announced there only a few dates left for Christmas parties. Spring is full of fundraising events. Feb 29 is Southern Charm and Sweet Tea. Feb 28 is the Taste of Loudon County. March 7 is the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation event. March 10 is the Expo. April 4 is Butterfly Denim and Diamond Gala.
- Loudon County – Jeff Harris, announced Hwy 72 walk-in clinic is under construction. Burger King is now open. Sons of Smoke restaurant will be open in March. Paving bids for the west end are out. Downtown Love in Loudon is this Friday. The Hutch property project is complete. There are beautification plans for Downtown Loudon in the works. Loudon was ranked 3rd safest city to live in Tennessee.
- Lenoir City – Tony Aikens, announced 75 cents from every sales tax dollar goes to the Lenoir City school system. Jimmy Johns will be opening next to Gondolier. There are 100 new homes under construction near the high school on HWY 95.

The price is around the \$230,000 range. The splash pad will be open in August. HWY 321&11 will be completed in spring of 2020.

- City Planner, Lenoir City – Beth Collins, announced new businesses are Firestone Tire and Avid hotel, Walmart and CVS are undergoing remodels, Shampooch, Cedar & Twine, and Doggy Playcare are now open.
- Loudon County Chamber of Commerce – Christy Fitzgerald, announced February 28 is the Taste of Loudon County at the Venue from noon-6. Tickets are \$10. The March Business After Hours will be at The Venue of Lenoir City on March 10. April 2 is the annual Golf Tournament at Wind River.

Special Feature:

Sheila Borders and Laura Bolt with UT Extention

“Skill up Tennessee” is a program through the UT Extension office. It helps lower income people acquire work force skills to focus on employment within two years or less. Laura Bolt is the case worker for Knoxville and East TN area. The program is partnered with SNAP employment and training. People must meet eligibility requirements to sign up. Receiving SNAP benefits is a requirement.

The program helps people who want to improve their career. They develop an employment plan to include adult education up to an associate’s degree, CNA certifications, and commercial driving certificates. The program also helps pay for books and tools needed for the adult education programs as well as childcare during school hours and gas cards for transportation. They provide services during school and for up to 90 days after employment.

More information can be found at skilluptennessee.edu.

There was a motion to adjourn and the motion was passed.

Adjournment: John Evans

Submitted by: Heather Phillips, Secretary