

Shawnee Hills Chamber of Commerce
Chamber Meeting March 15, 2017
6:30pm Cedarbrook Garden Center and Wine Shop

Board Members Present: Dawn Bookmyer, Carol Kender, Larry Birchfield and Virginia Miller

Chamber Members Present: Bill VanCura, Warren Miller, Virginia Farnum

Guests: Russ Baron, Gwen Wise

The Chamber meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Larry

Secretary Report: An addition was made to the February 15, 2017 minutes. At the February meeting Carol had made a motion that she and Steve Smith be co-chairs of the Summer Music in the Park. Virginia second the motion. Motion passed

Treasurer report: Carol presented that we have \$20,446.55 in the General Fund, \$8479.05 in the Event Fund and \$683.28 in the PayPal account. The total is \$29,608.88. Dawn made a motion to approve the treasurer report and Carol second the motion.

Committee Reports:

1. Membership: Carol reported we have 23 paid members.

2. Music in the Park: Carol reported that she and Steve have met and put together a rough draft. Music will be planned every Friday from June 9 to mid August for a total of 13 Fridays. They are looking for local businesses to sponsor a night at no cost. Sponsorship would allow the business to have a presence at the event with a banner, and flyers/brochures or business cards. The sponsor would introduce the entertainment. The budget would be \$300 per night. The sponsor would be asked to pay the difference if the entertainment charges more. The event would be 2 hours (6:30-8:30pm) behind the police station.

Russ commented that the Village requires a permit for the events at a cost of \$25 and as long as we list all the dates we could apply for one permit. We would need to submit a letter to Shirley for a sound variance which would go to Council for approval so that the police would not have to enforce the noise ordinance should extended hours be needed.

Steve sent an email to Russ about alcohol in the park. Russ replied that None is permitted unless we obtain a special permit.

3. Delaware County Convention Bureau: Carol is trying to make businesses in the area visible so that people (tourists) know they exist. Businesses will be invited to focus groups funded by the Bed Tax. Ninety percent (90%) of the budget is spent on advertising to get tourists to Delaware County. There is a new website.

4. Website: Carol reports that the website was moved to Go Daddy on Tuesday. Forty percent (40%) of the design is done. She'd like to link businesses to other business's websites and Facebook pages. Businesses are to send information that they would like on the site to shawneehillschamber@gmail.com.

Guest Speaker: Gwen Wise presented information on developing a community garden. Eight (8) families have shown interest so far. Gardens would be in an area behind the church. Items needed would include fencing and a water supply. A business plan needs to be developed. A meeting is planned at her home on Saturday at 10am for anyone interested in helping to plan the gardens. Carol suggested that the Chamber match funds for the project. Larry wants to wait for a business plan.

Old Business:

Bill Van Cura presented on the signage. It has been approved by the Mayor. A quote from Peterson for the installation was obtained. We'd need to go through ODOT and he said the Mayor and Mark would do that. Walgreens responded and we should have permission soon. The Peterson bid, however, came in at \$16,000 to install. Larry offered to install the sign. He will talk with Bill and to Walgreens to see if we can put it inside of the walkway and go from there.

Virginia Miller made a proposal for Membership Gratis (See memo). Larry wants to add that the minimum age be 65years and that they are no longer in business. Also that the Board and membership must approve and that the title be "Membership Emeritus". Dawn was elected to rewrite the proposal.

New Business:

Carol recommended we reinstate business after hours "Get to know your Chamber Members". "learn about a business". She proposed that each month a business could host after hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm
Prepared by Dawn Bookmyer, Secretary.