

**Shawnee Hills Chamber of Commerce
Chamber Meeting Wednesday April 19, 2017
6:30pm Cedarbrook Garden Center and Wine Shop**

Board Members present: Lisa Gilton, Dawn Bookmyer, Virginia Miller, Larry Birchfield, Carol Kender, Lucy Plahy, Steve Smith

Chamber Members: Bill VanCura, Warren Miller, Virginia Farnum, Robin Fellure

Guest: Gwen Wise

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Larry.

Secretary report was approved with the changes that we add to the Code of Regulations that we have 5 "Executive" board members. The minutes were approved by Virginia and second by Warren. Robin asked if Dawn could send the reports to her so that she could print for Virginia.

Treasurer Report was read by Steve. We have \$29,604.22 in both funds with \$1420 in membership dues and \$1800 income for the sign. Carol motioned to approve the report and Lisa second the motion.

Committee Reports:

Membership: 24 paid members reported by Carol.

Warren spoke to Hook on Hearing and LA Financial. Robin asked if phone calls had gone out to previous members, and Carol reported they had.

Newsletter: Carol reports that the March and April Newsletter are done.

Website: Carol reports the new site is up and running and will be up for renewal in Oct/November at a cost of \$174 for 2 years. The code of regulations was added to the site and in the future the minutes will be added. Registration to the chamber can be done online through the website.

501C3 Status: Carols reports Larry has info for the fiscal year May1-April 30th. Statements need to be filed that our net income was \$2456.36. We need to allocate this money to a charity in the area. The certificate is missing and may be in Larry's folder. Robin will look for her copy.

Delaware County Visitors Bureau: Carol reports there will be a tour of Delaware County points of interest in May.

Facebook: Nothing New.

Old Business:

Community Garden: Gwen Wise presented a business plan to Council. Fifteen to Sixteen people have shown interest. Still in the planning stages. Robin recommended talk to Mark Katzenbaum about zoning. Gwen would ask the Chamber for help with funding.

Signage: Bill VanCura spoke to Heather at Walgreens about bringing the sign inside the walkway. She was very receptive. Erma Drozek needed a site plan which was presented. Bill called Erma on the 10th of April and has had no response yet. He spoke to Mark Ravarione(sp) and asked Robin to follow up with the BZA since Bill will have to pull out of the project soon.

Membership Emeritus: Dawn put together wording for Membership Emeritus. Carol added to the code of regulations. Steve motioned to add the Membership Emeritus by making an addendum to Article 11 Section 3. Carol second the motion.

Music in the Village: Steve and Carol have met and have 12 bands lined up starting June 9th for 12 Fridays running to August. Mock fliers were presented. Sponsors were recommended to be member businesses and promote their business that week. Sponsorship would be free. Sponsors would be asked to present the head lining band and stay to clean up the trash afterwards. Sponsors may pass out informational material about their business and food businesses are encouraged to have “picnic basket” type food or specials for the event. Budget for the events would run about \$300 per night.

Robin recommended contacting home owners in the area, one in particular may be upset. Carol will go door to door to pass out fliers and talk to home owners.

A vote is needed to approve having Music in the Village. Several members had concern with the cost spending so much money for an event not tested. Larry wanted to hold 3 events or even just one to see how things went. Carol, Steve and Dawn were for every week to set a consistent pattern and involve more people. One event or just a couple would not be consistent enough, they felt, to get people out. The Chamber bank account has over \$29,000 and it was felt by several members that it should be used for giving back to our members and community. Some member businesses felt that they do not feel they receive any benefit from being a Chamber member as they do not use the health insurance. Several chamber members were for just having one event to see how things went. Some wanted sponsors to pay the fee for the act. After much discussion of the pros and cons a vote was taken. Steve made a motion to approve the plan as written with 12 Fridays starting June 9th, at an average cost of \$300 per event. The motion to approve the Music in the Village as presented passed 4:3

New Business: None.

Meeting Adjourned 7:58pm

Report written by
Dawn Bookmyer
Secretary