

**Shawnee Hills Chamber of Commerce**  
**Chamber meeting May 17, 2017**  
**Cedarbrook Garden and Wine Shop 6:30pm**

Board Members present: Larry Birchfield, Lucy Plahy, Virginia Miller, Dawn Bookmyer and Lisa Gilton

Chamber Members present: Warren Miller, Robin Fellure

Guest: Sherry Hall-Shawnee Hills Civic Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Larry

The secretary report from April was approved by Lucy with Larry seconding the motion

No treasurer report presented as both Steve Smith and Carol Kender were absent

Committee reports: None

**Guest-**

Sherry Hall was present to help represent the Shawnee Hills Civic Association. Robin spoke on behalf of the Civic. The Civic would ask the Chamber for “Emergency” funds for operations. They have one month worth of funds to pay their bills. Membership in the civic is way down and despite a hard campaign to raise funds they are falling short until their main fundraiser in July (Pub Crawl). They are in need of 3 months operating expenses at \$600/month so are asking for \$1800.00

Larry mentioned that the money we received from the insurance (\$2456) does not have to be spent. He stated we are a 501C6 entity. Lucy asked about the taxes on that money and Larry thought about 13%, however, if we donate it we don't pay taxes. Larry recommends we use the insurance money toward the Civic request since the gardens are on indefinite hold. Lucy asked for a breakdown of the \$600 including land, building mortgage, utilities and insurance.

Robin also stated they recently had a renter in the Civic who caused a lot of damage that needed immediate repair including doors, drywall and carpet. The matter was with the police department and charges were being filed but she stated that their insurance would not cover the damage since they were renting the space.

Suggestions were made to Robin and Sherry that rent could be raised to help with their fund needs and keep out those who want to rent cheap and don't care about damages and asking for a higher deposit for any damage. Larry then suggested we give donate \$2800 to the civic (\$1800 for operations and \$1000 for renovations). Lucy made a motion we donate \$3300 (\$1800 for operations and \$1500 for renovations) to the civic and Larry second the motion.

**New Business:**

Larry presented invoices for items he purchased for the Holiday Hay ride and for last summer's Summer Fest. Total reimbursement is for \$116.18 which includes food and a table that went missing at Summer Fest. He spent \$118 on food and drink and only brought in \$57.25.

Robin stated that Russ mentioned having a car/motorcycle cruise in Sundays at Largos with proceeds to benefit the Civic on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Robin states that July 9<sup>th</sup> is SH Civic Day. She would like this information placed on the Chamber website

Larry commented that he is unhappy with the SH Chamber. He feels he has lost control and gave his resignation as President of the SH Chamber effective at 9pm this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm

Minutes taken by :  
Dawn Bookmyer  
Secretary

Addendum:

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Chamber board member, Lisa Gilton, emailed her resignation from the board effective immediately stating needing to invest any additional time she has in investing in and promoting her business.