

Meeting on Thursday, January 12th, 2017 at 6:30pm

- I. Introduction of Agenda – Meeting called to order by President: Bert Buri – Attendees present: Bert Buri, Lisa Buri, LeeAnn Sulzner, Laura Gentry, Jerry Fox, Paul Cagle, Duane Drake, and Cindy Drake. Guests: Jerry Whitley, Katie Whitley, and Marie Pope.
- II. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary: Lisa Buri. Lisa Buri asked for a motion be made to approve the minutes from the November 2016 meeting. Paul Cagle moved for approval and Jerry Fox 2nd the motion. The motion was carried.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Discussion of the Holiday Mixer – All agreed the food and service provided by Urban Plantation was great. We had 35 attendees and \$90 was collected from non-invitees. Five of the 35 were associates from the Walking Horse museum. We also acquired 3 potential members.
 1. Laura asked for a motion the Wartrace CofC donate \$150.00 to the Walking Horse Museum for allowing the holiday mixer be held in the museum. The motion was 2nd by Cindy Drake. The motion was carried.
 - B. Paul Cagle gave the Financial Report. The treasurer reported the chamber had \$3828.00 in the account after paying Urban Plantation \$594.00.
 1. Pending deposits from dues and outstanding checks, the final current balance stands at \$7,290.00 with also some funds in PayPal pending account transfer ability to the checking account. Outstanding checks include:
 - a. Annual membership bill with Shelbyville Bedford County Chamber of Commerce - \$11.00
 - b. P.O. Box Rental - \$36.00
 - c. The Heritage Backroads - \$300.00
 - d. Christopher Equipment Rental (Table & Chairs for mixer) - \$119.00
 2. Paul Cagle proposed a transition of the checking account signers. Paul Cagle made a motion to get a signature card from First Community Bank superseding with two signers (newly elected Vice-President, Laura Gentry and newly elected Treasurer, Cindy Drake). Jerry Fox 2nd the motion. All members were in favor and the motion was carried.
 3. Cindy Drake gave the status of the PayPal setup: PayPal setup is complete and has been approved. When completed it will be posted on FaceBook and the website that we accept PayPal as one of our payment options.

- C. Membership drive: Cindy Drake stated that the applications are online. She did not have a total count yet of 2017 members. A letter and an application will be going out to previous members and prospects.
- D. FaceBook postings: The administration approval protocol for any future events or local news has been changed so that it will limit inappropriate and unnecessary postings.

IV. New Business

- A. Bert Buri presented a proposal for a Wartrace Visitor Center (See Proposal Attached)
 - 1. LeeAnn suggested that workshops/classes be held there
 - 2. Laura asked about storage space – Jerry Fox suggested use of the metal storage shed adjacent to his building.
 - 3. Jerry Fox owner of building for proposal is in full cooperation of the proposal.
 - 4. Jerry Fox proposed the Chamber move to make a motion to shop for insurance for liability to join the Chamber and offer bid proposals from multiple insurance companies. Motion was 2nd by Cindy Drake. Motion carried.
- B. Events:
 - 1. MusicFest - Laura Gentry would like to approach Tyson on becoming a sponsor and possibly providing their services of products. Committee members: Bert Buri, Laura Gentry, Jerry Fox and Vickie Smith. Pending updates.
 - 2. Fall Festival – Coordinator: LeAnn Sulzner asked for volunteers. Jerry and Katie Whitley, Lisa Buri, and Cindi Drake volunteered. A permission letter from the Town of Wartrace will be required to hold an event in the town. Pending updates.

3. Community Wide Yard Sale – Bert Buri made a motion to spend more money on promoting and advertising. Jerry 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Dates to be determined and announced.
4. Wartrace Holiday Dinner / Contests – Laura suggested we give more time to decorate and announce the winners at the Holiday Mixer. Also, publicize it more. Also, in lure of cash, give gift cards for the winners. Pending future updates.

V. President Bert Buri announced, because of a scheduling conflict, the next meeting will be Thursday, February 16th, 2017 at 6:30pm. Bert Buri made the motion to end the meeting and LeeAnn Sulzner 2nd the motion. Motion carried and meeting ended.