

Meeting on Thursday, July 13th, 2017 at 6:30pm.

- I. Introduction of Agenda – Meeting called to order by President Bert Buri. Attendees present: Bert and Lisa Buri, Jerry Fox, Rose Higgins, Paul Cagle, Duane and Cindy Drake, Laura Gentry, LeeAnn Sulzner, Katie Whitley, Craig and Joni Smith.
  - A. President Bert Buri complimented and congratulated the “Welcome Center” committee on the work done so far.
  - B. As an urgent issue concerning the “Welcome Center”, Bert asked landlord, Jerry Fox to present to the members updated news regarding his building. Due to financial burdens with his personal wellbeing, Jerry Fox put the building up for sale. Concerns regarding the lease agreement was discussed. Jerry stated that if the Chamber of Commerce was evicted due to the new ownership not accepting the current lease, he would reimburse the WCofC for all the building improvements that were made by the chamber.
- II. Old Business
  - A. Minutes of the Meeting – Read by Laura Gentry. Paul Cagle made a motion that the minutes be accepted and approved as read. Jerry Fox 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion moved.
  - B. Financial Report - Treasurer Cindy Drake gave the report. Lisa Buri made a motion that the Financial Report be accepted and approved as read. Paul Cagle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion moved.
  - C. Welcome Center - Laura Gentry updated the committee on the establishment of the Welcome Center.
    1. Most of the work has been completed except for the second rocking chair.
    2. Duane is working on the outside sign and installing a shelf for the DVD player.
    3. Laura Gentry, Katie Whitley, and Joni Smith were working on collecting items to display in the glass case.
    4. Joni Smith presented a blanket to be one of the items to sell in the visitor center. The blanket was designed by the Garlands, it detailed all the historic sites of Wartrace. Unfortunately, the original design was destroyed by fire, so a new design will need to be created.

- a. Also, the sale of the red, white, and blue buntings is another way the WCoFC is selling. Owners of the buildings buy the buntings for their building to display during special events. The Chamber stores them when they are not in use.
  5. The current A/C Unit was inadequate for the visitor center. Bert addressed to Jerry Fox, the landlord, that the Chamber would need at least an A/C Unit to cover 340 square feet. Laura will be checking prices to purchase a new unit. Duane Drake brought up the concern about the water condensation to run a hose down the side to the side of the deck.
  6. Storage Building - Steve said he would paint it, install the roofing shingles, etc. Steve was not in attendance so any questions would have to be addressed with him. We just need to check that it doesn't cover the water junction.
  7. Rose Higgins, the coordinator of scheduling the Visitor Center, said she still needs more volunteers.
- D. LeeAnn Sulzner gave an update for the Fall Festival. She said that she has 20 people signed up including food vendors. The festival is set for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- E. The 2017 Yard Sale was discussed. It is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Craig Smith will provide the music. Advertisements have been bought in the local medias. A map will be place on the FaceBook page to give the location. Website has been updated as well.

### III. New Business

- A. Jerry Fox gave an update on the "Strolling Jim" trail ride in the fall idea. Jerry left a message with HB Cowand about a liability insurance rider for the event, but has not heard back.

- IV. Paul Cagle made a motion to end the meeting and Rose Higgins second the motion. The motion carried and the meeting ended.