

# Stuart Chamber of Commerce

September 7, 2016

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Treasurer Shannon Behnken called the meeting to order at 12:12 PM on September 7, 2016 at Ruby's Pub. Nine members and two guest were present; Chief Dave Reha and Officer Ryan Harding.

A motion by Cheryl Marks to approve the minutes that were emailed prior to the meeting. Jenny Sudbrock seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer Shannon Behnken presented the treasurer's report for August. A short discussion followed regarding Chamber Bucks and a possible savings account from the newly cashed CD. Karen Varley motioned to approve the treasurer's reports, followed by a second from Cheryl Marks. Motion carried.

## **Committee Updates:**

Beautification: None.

Good Egg Days:

- Lynsi Pasutti and Chief David Reha presented the idea of hosting the event in the downtown area instead of the park; a draft map was provided. Discussion included comments about hosting the event there in the past, showing off the new downtown streets and facades, as well as having more space for additional activities. No vote, but unanimous approval with moving forward with those plans. The Committee will attend the next City Council meeting for location approval.
- The next Committee meeting is September 8th, 2016 at 6:30PM at the Stuart Public Library.

Membership/Business Promotion/Special Events:

- Teachers Appreciation Breakfast was well attended. Thank you to all that donated time and items.
- The Committee has coordinated a new membership/fundraising event: the first ever Stuart Chamber Golf Outing will be Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the 5X80 Golf & Country Club. Teams of 2 and hole sponsorships are both \$50; donated items for prizes are needed. The outing will be a 9 hole best ball tournament.

Marketing/Promotions:

- Lynsi Pasutti reported that the website is nearly complete. The Committee will meet to review the progress.

## **Old Business:**

- Farmers Markets continue. Chamber Businesses are encouraged to attend to promote their business and represent the Chamber. Most dates are still available.

## **New Business:**

- Discussion of Officers: Shannon Behnken will be resigning as Treasurer at the end of the year, and therefore the position will be open. Official nominations for 2017 Officers will be made at the October meeting and elections will take place at the November meeting.

**Business Updates:** None.

## **Community Reports:**

City of Stuart: (none)

SEED Update: Varley Law Office is working on the tax credits for the Depot. A Housing Study is needed for certain tax credits for builders. SEED will be propose conducting a study at the next City Council meeting.

Midwest Partnership: The Employer Educator Summit is October, 13<sup>th</sup> at Wild Rose Casino in Jefferson. 250 attendees are expected, representing high schools, colleges, businesses, local and state government officials, workforce development organizations, and economic development organizations. Registration is free.

White Pole Road: (none)

Lions Club: 9SW Lions Convention in Stuart on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Businesses are invited to set up a display at the WCV HS for the 200+ people to be in attendance from surrounding Lions organizations.

Community Visioning: Design presentation will be Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the WCV Football Game (Homecoming).

First Friday Forum: (none)

**Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8 @ 12PM at Johnie's Tap. Lunch will be provided.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:43PM

If your business would like to host a Stuart Chamber meeting please let us know. Email the [stuartchamber@aol.com](mailto:stuartchamber@aol.com) if you have any announcements that you would like to have sent out to the Chamber group.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynsi Pasutti, Secretary  
Stuart Chamber of Commerce