



## **Potterville Area Chamber of Business**

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Downtown Potterville – Pavilion (and via ZOOM)

**Chamber Officers:** Pennie Lake (President), Mark Aupperlee (Vice President), Loren Smalley (Treasurer), Kathy Dobie (Secretary)

**Mission Statement:** *To build the bridges between area businesses, local government, the schools, and churches, to create a very inviting place to live, educate, and have fun.*

**Meeting Attendance:** The (4) chamber officers are in attendance in person today, and (3) chamber member. No one joined via ZOOM.

**Ribbon Cutting:** The chamber celebrates two ribbon cuttings prior to the meeting. WELCOME!

- HD Auto located at 505 Lansing Road, Potterville (next to Albins)
- Davis Contractors, Pinch Hwy, Potterville (ribbon cutting was in the pavilion downtown).

**Call to Order:** Pennie calls the meeting to order at 12:30.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the September previous meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting. (A correction was made to the Gizzard fest fund following the meeting. See NOTE below).

**Treasurers Report:** Loren provides an excel spreadsheet with the current financial status.

- Current General Fund balance: **\$1,140.44**. Loren reports there were two bills paid. County Journal for 40.00, and chamber mailbox for \$42.00. Also, \$150.00 was given to Sycamore Creek Church for the Simply Give program. We have not yet seen the bill for the website.
- Gizzard fest Fund balance: **\$1,290.10**.
  - **NOTE:** *The balance reported in September was incorrect on the minutes. It should have been \$1,290.10 reflecting the \$1,000.00 given to the City of Potterville toward Gizzard fest per the June meeting minutes.*

### **Chamber Reports / and local business updates:**

**Sycamore Creek Church:** Pastor Mark Aupperlee reports:

- Food Pantry: Church food pantry and food ministries are doing well. Meijer's Simply Give program to benefit the food pantry continues until Oct 24, every dollar donated through Simply Give in Grand Ledge will be matched by Meijer. Based on what the church has already donated themselves, Mark projects the program will make \$15,000.00 for the food bank.
- Baked goods on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month has been successful. In September the church distributed 4,400 lbs. of food, including apples, grapes and potatoes.

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Plastics Corp:** Kathy Dobie reports:

- The building addition is complete. There is some landscaping to finish up.
- In the process of getting bids for a new Engineering Center (inside the building).
- Business is going well, although things are a little slow in the seating industry due to the pandemic.

**Benton Township:** Roger Wickham reports:

- Per Roger, they are gearing up for the election. There have been a lot of absentee ballots requested. Of the 2,200 registered voters, 700 of them so far have requested absentee ballots.

**City of Potterville:** Loren Smalley reports:

- The city has applied for a grant from CNN railroad. CNN will match the city (for up to a total amount of \$25,000.00) to clean up and beautify the walking trail from Vermontville to Lake Alliance (wood chips, compost, plants).

**Potterville Public Schools:** Loren Smalley reports:

- The schools will be back in person on November 2. Students will be assigned into A and B groups. A meeting Monday and Tuesday, B meeting Thursday and Friday, and both meeting online Wednesday.

**County Journal:** Pennie Lake reports:

- The car care fall edition is out, with winterizing tips for your automobile.
- Hunting and fishing guide in coming out soon.
- The County journal will be doing the Holiday Cash Giveaway again this year with participating businesses in Charlotte starting in November.

**Potterville Straight Up!:** Kathryn Schmidt reports

- Hope Tree and Baskets are in the works again this year. Also, Thanksgiving baskets. Kathryn is busy right now working on the campaign for Gina Johnson, but after the election she will be working on these community projects and seeking donations and help putting them together.

**Old Business:**

- Still no invoice from Wicks on website. Kathryn will follow up.
- One the election is over, Kathryn will schedule training on the website with the chamber.

**New Business:**

- November meeting will be accepting nominations for chamber officers. Kathy Dobie is stepping down as Chamber secretary. Will vote in December.

**Next Meeting:** **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**, at noon (Sycamore Creek Church)

**Adjournment:** Pennie adjourns the meeting at 1:00.

~ Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Dobie, Chamber of Business Secretary, 10/08/2020