



**General Membership Meeting
The Brick Pizzeria, Lounge & Arcade
September 19, 2013**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. D. Smith called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Student Presentation - Marissa HS Art Students**
 - a. Art Club President, Caitlyn Cathcart and Secretary, Jill Moeser talked to us about the Art Walk they hold at the high school. The Club requested funding of \$100 to use towards the Art Walk. They are trying to raise enough funds to get the Art Glass Blowers from SIU Carbondale back again this year. R. Eisler made a motion to grant the request; second by D. Rushing. Motion carried.
 - b. Julie Foertsch observed the meeting as part of her Government class assignment.
- IV. President's Report**
 - a. Congratulations to Connie and Doug White on their newest grandchild.
 - b. Prayers and condolences to Carol Smith, her mother passed on Tuesday; Tommy Neal's father is ill.
 - c. Welcome to Pam Baker, Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary #172. They have just joined the Chamber and Pam will be the liaison for the Auxiliary. Pam tells us that the Auxiliary has recently installed new officers – Liz Kehoe, President, herself, and Sandra Huckfeldt, Secretary/Treasurer. They look forward to working with the Chamber.
- V. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 20 members present
 - b. Minutes: L. McMahon made a motion to approve the August 15th meeting minutes; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence:
 - i. 2013-14 Membership Dues Received [5] – Marissa Presbyterian Church, Denny Ray's, Marissa Fire Department, Sandie's Treasures, Jody Lynz Hair & Tanning Salon
 - ii. 2013-14 New Membership Application [2] – TC Pro Audio (Tom Cheetham), American Legion Auxiliary Unit 172
 - iii. Prairie State – Sponsorship \$1,500; Donation \$100
 - iv. Tootin' Around Marissa Registration Received [12] – Kristine Chiu, Belleville; Regina Chiu, Swansea; Ron Herberts, Swansea; Active Network Inc.(x2), Dale & Mary Ann Davidson, O'Fallon; Cathy Norton, Sparta; John & Angie Luketich, Coulterville; Stephen Scoles, Salem; Gayle North, Sparta
 - v. Golf Tournament Holes Sponsors – Ed Cockrell for \$50;
 - vi. Freeburg Printing bill – 1,000 flyers Tootin; Around Marissa; \$70. Board of Directors approved payment of.
 - vii. Coulterville Chamber of Commerce – invitation: 8th Annual Fall Festival Parade – Oct 5th at 6 p.m.; theme – “Celebrate”
 - viii. Marissa Food Mart – bill \$166.08 – Golf Tournament. Board of Directors approved payment of.

- ix. Randolph County Humane Society is having their fall fundraisers with Barking in the Barn on Sept 28 and their annual garage sale Oct. 3, 4, and 5
- x. Walt's Label & Mailing System requested via e-mail an excel spreadsheet of all Chamber members. There was a resounding NO from all members – request will not be granted.
- xi. Sparta Chamber emailed list of upcoming events:
 - 1. The Paper Moon Thursday, Sept 19 – crafts, food and clothing attire
 - 2. Sparta Community Club Wing-Ding Saturday, Sep 21st 5:30 p.m. - \$5 – wings, fries and dessert; music and fun
 - 3. Sparta Eagles Ole' Fashion Chicken and Beer Dance Saturday, Sept 21 at 7 p.m. Entertainment by "JAB"
 - 4. Sparta Farmer's Market Friday, Sept 20th from 3-6 p.m. corner of St Louis and Broadway
 - 5. Community Chorus performing Shrek the Musical Sept. 20, 21 ,22, 26, 27, 28 and 29. Call 615-5164 for tickets.
 - 6. SCH Auxiliary hosting Lasagna Luncheon Sunday, Sept. 22 11-1:30 p.m. on Broadway Plaza.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

- a. R. Elser made a motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Chili Cook-Off – Oct 12 – L. McMahon
 - i. Need more people to cook chili. Have received 2 more entries bringing us to 5.
 - ii. Yard signs are on table at back of room to place in your yard to help promote this event.
 - iii. Tootin' Around Marissa – K. Wright
 - 1. Bike from Bike Surgeon that will be given away is on display at Food Mart. Raffle will be drawn at noon. Arrangements have been made to make adjustments if the bike doesn't fit the winner.
 - 2. Helmets First is donating bike helmets. We will be giving away 25.
- b. Citywide Yard Sale/Krispy Kremes – Oct 12 – D. Smith
 - i. Need workers at the 4-way at 6 a.m. that day
 - ii. Ad went in paper this week. Sign up for yard sale at White Lumber, Style Seller or Regions Bank.
- c. Finance – R. Owen
 - i. No Report.
- d. Golf Tournament – Aug. 24 – Sharon Cross
 - i. Event was successful, community support was good! Had 12 teams. \$3,120.71 profit.
- e. Marissa Movies & More – D. Smith
 - i. Sept. 13th movie had an excellent turn out; 250+ in attendance. Kids loved the movie give away. Free popcorn was a big hit too. T. Cheetham did a great job with the sound system. Landon Sabo won the movie.
 - ii. Last movie of the year will be Oct 11th. No movie chosen yet. Looking at doing s'mores and roasting wieners.
 - iii. It was suggested that the screen be put up on the back wall to stay versus having to put it up and down each time. Concerns were raised about it getting torn up. T. Cheetham will look into getting a screen at wholesale and report back to see if that may be a feasible option.
- f. Membership/Welcoming – K. Wright/D. Rushing
 - i. Need to get more members active, let them know about events and encourage them to participate.
- g. PR/Marketing
 - i. Chamber website has been updated with the fall activities & yard of the month photos.
 - ii. 860 Facebook friends – sent out Chili/Tootin Around invite – please share and repost.

- iii. Received 4 “contact us” inquiries.
- h. Shooting Complex Liaison – K. Wright
 - i. No report.
- i. Small Business Initiative – K. Wissehr/R. Elser
 - i. Divas Day Out - planning event in January or February for locals.
 - ii. Cash Mob has been postponed until after first of the year.
 - iii. Saturday after Thanksgiving is “Small Business Saturday”; please shop local and give your support.
- j. Toast of Marissa – M. Minks
 - i. Plans are coming along; both bands are lined up; Sorority will be in charge of the Grape Stomp event
 - ii. “Cash Cluster” tickets have been given out to sell; Members are asked to sell at least 100 tickets.
 - iii. Grape Stomp 5K – S. Gilley/S. Wright
 - 1. Only 3 shirt sponsors so far; sponsorship is \$10. Goal is 200 runners. Cheerleaders will be lining the route to cheer the runners on, would like to have community involvement as well.
- k. Yard of the Month – B. Lake
 - i. September – Carol Bruce & Michelle on East Lyons St.
- l. Village Liaison – J. Wright
 - i. Chris Brothers will start repaving N. Main Street to the 4-way and Lyons to Hwy 4.
 - ii. Sewer line work should commence late October, early November.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Alberta Hamilton Project – Art Lighting – J. Wright
 - i. Will be ready by time for Toast of Marissa. Have \$400 still to work with. R. Elser made a motion to allow for up to \$400 more from Chamber funds to be used for this project in the event that it is needed; second by S. Cross. Motion carried.
 - ii. Dead tree will be coming down.
- b. Circus – D. Smith
 - i. Checked out the event that was held in Sparta this past month; more of a variety show than a circus; no elephants as advertised; expensive. Will keep looking.

IX. New Business

- a. 2014 Calendar of Events
 - i. Saturday, January 25th – Annual Chamber Dinner
 - ii. Saturday, May 3rd – City Wide Yard Sale
 - iii. June 12, 13, 14 – Coal Festival
 - iv. Saturday, August 23rd – Chamber Golf Tournament
 - v. Saturday, October 11 – Chili Cook-Off & Tootin’ Around Marissa
 - vi. Saturday, October 11 – Citywide Yard Sale
 - vii. Saturday, November 8 – Toast of Marissa & Grape Stomp 5K
- b. Doris Rushing reminded everyone of the Rushing for a Cure event at the City Park on September 28th; proceeds to benefit the Siteman Cancer Center.
- c. Annual Trunk or Treat being held October 25th – last year there were 400 kids – R. Elser made a motion to use \$300 for candy and decorations for this event; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.
- d. Chamber shirts – several members have been asking for and we don’t have anymore, haven’t ordered new ones for 2 years. In the past they were \$35; the Chamber paid \$10 of the cost so Members only paid \$25 each. R. Elser made a motion to use up to \$500 to purchase new Chamber shirts; second by C. DeMange. Motion carried. Orders can be placed at the October General Meeting.
- e. Marissa–Coulterville Booster Club Annual Golf Tournament to support athletes in both schools October 19th at White Oak Golf Course, Marissa – R. Elser made a motion that we donate 2 dozen golf balls; second by S. Cross. Motion carried.

- f. Coal Festival has been set for June 12 – 14, 2014. Carnival by J&J Magic Midway. Parade theme - “Around the World”

X. Attendance Raffle

- a. Denny Ray’s was selected, but not present. \$89.00 will roll over to the next meeting.

XI. Adjourn

- a. R. Owen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.; second by M. Minks. Motion carried.