



**General Membership Meeting
The Pour House
February 20, 2014**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. L. McMahon called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. Welcome new member Racheal Cross-Kane
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 18 members present
 - b. Minutes: R. Elser made a motion to approve the January 17th meeting minutes; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence:
 - i. Marissa Ministerial Alliance and Marissa Food Pantry – thank you for donation
 - ii. George Portz & Friends of Bluegrass – request to be considered for Toast of Marissa event; included CD [Volume 5] of their music. Gave demo and info to J. Wright.
 - iii. Marissa HS After-Prom Party – donation request [event: Sunday 4/27 – midnight-6:30am (prom 4/26) – donations of cash, gift certificates or items for attendance prizes] R. Elser made a motion to grant the request by giving a \$100 cash donation; second by R. Owen. Motion carried
 - iv. Marissa Jr/Sr High Cross Categorical Special Education – donation request for Special Needs Dance being held April 4th D. Rushing made a motion to grant the request by giving a \$100 cash donation; second by R. Elser. Motion carried
 - v. Best Choice Sav-A-Label – pays \$30 cash for 1,000 UPC label bundles. Bonus label certificate for an extra \$30. K. Wright is working with the schools on this project; gave information and certificate to her.
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. R. Elser made a motion to approve the January Treasurer's Report; second by K. Wright. Motion carried.
 - b. Update concerning IRS filing penalty – 15 week hold put on account while determination is being made; looks good that request to waive penalty of \$1,198 will be granted.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Annual Dinner** – January 25th – K. Wright/D. Smith
 - i. Had a loss of \$762.59; paid for 125 meals, 116 sold. All bills have been paid.
 - ii. Current venue is \$600 to rent the building; will look at moving to a different venue for next year.
 - iii. MVP Award – awarded to Coach Lee Schulte, nominated by Michelle Black. Article in paper and up on website.
 - b. **Coal Festival** (June 12,13,14) – C. DeMange
 - i. 2 quilts have been ordered
 - ii. Historical Society has quilt for sale, \$275 – J. Wright made a motion to offer them \$250 for the quilt; second by R. Elser. Motion carried
 - c. **Golf Tournament** – S. Cross – No Report
 - d. **Finance** – R. Owen – No Report

- e. **Membership/Welcoming** – K. Wright/D. Rushing
 - i. Debbie Parks has opened a new business in the old Pemco building – Triple-T Twisters
- f. **PR/Marketing** – R. Elser
 - i. Website has been updated, except for meeting minutes. All local events have been added to website, EMC and Facebook.
 - ii. Fire Department Trivia Rushing for the Cure – date has been set for September 27th.
 - iii. Girl Scouts Little Black Dress, April 5th R. Elser made a motion to purchase \$50 in tickets for the event; second by T. Rushing. Motion carried
 - iv. Tourism Map 2x2 ad \$500 – unanimous consensus that Chamber pass on this opportunity this year due to cost.
 - v. Spring Regional Conference – April 24th, Chester American Legion Hall, \$15 each; K. Wright and B. Lake will attend.
 - vi. Sparta Chamber 50th Mid Winter Classic – took \$50 from PR/Marketing budget to help them out
 - vii. Two Circuses in area April 15th – Sparta and Coulterville
 - viii. Marissa Police Dept. – they have a Facebook page; “No Guns” stickers available, just stop by the Police Dept.
 - ix. Diva’s and Dude’s Night Out April 12th at the American Legion Post 172 to benefit the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 172 – see fliers for more information
- g. **Scholarship** – D. Smith
 - i. 23 graduating seniors; applications have been mailed; deadline is April 4th
- h. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
 - i. Sewer line work is still on track.
 - ii. Old Tom Boy grocery store, on south side of RR track is in the processing of being torn down.
 - iii. Custom Remodeling (J. Ruester) has been granted the contract for the new exercise facility. All work will be done by local contractors.
 - iv. Marissa to be the focal point this year of done streets.
 - v. Danny Rhodes has resigned as Village Trustee; Mayor Cross will appoint someone to fill the position to serve until next election.

VII. Old Business

- a. **2014 Committee Sign-Up**
 - i. Chili Cook-Off still needs a chairman. K. Wright will head committee to make a decision concerning this event.
 - ii. Small Business Initiative also needs a chairman.

VIII. New Business

- a. Chamber polo shirts – Townhall Archery - Men’s \$36.50; Women’s \$35.50; previous meeting Chamber had agreed to cover \$10 each of the cost and R. Elser had an agreement with Townhall to produce the shirts for \$35 each making the member cost \$25 each. K. Wright will handle getting orders from members and getting the shirts.
- b. Senior Center has donation box for Box Tops for Education setup.
- c. Rushing for the Cure – date has been set for September 27th.
- d. K. Wright looking for local events/activities for week of Aug 6-16th for participants at the World Shooters event to do.

IX. Attendance Raffle

- a. S. Gilley was selected and received \$13.

X. Adjourn

- a. R. Elser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.; second by K. Wright. Motion carried.