



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

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. D. Smith called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. Guest: Danny Rupert – Coulterville Chamber of Commerce
 - i. Summer Business Sales Event at Shooting Complex the weekend before Grand America event – looking to make regional vs local event as can't fill spot – Chamber rates for booth available to Chamber members for participating in promoting and advertising
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 15 members present
 - b. Minutes: J. Wright made a motion to approve the February 20th meeting minutes; second by L. McMahan. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence:
 - i. Marissa Jr/Sr High Cross Categorical Special Education – Special Needs Dance – thank you for donation
 - ii. Marissa HS After-Prom Party – thank you for donation
 - iii. Coulterville Holiday Association – need donations for Adult circus tickets to be given away
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. C. White made a motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report; second by D. Rushing. Motion carried.
 - b. IRS waived the penalty.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Coal Festival** [June 12, 13, 14] – C. DeMange
 - i. Historical society accepted \$250 for their quilt; don't know if hand or machine stitched
 - ii. Entertainment booked
 - iii. Ordered more tickets
 - iv. Changed parade marshal – Dale Lewis
 - v. BPW won't be running the ride ticket booth; any organization wants to take over they can
 - b. **Golf Tournament** [June 28th] – S. Cross
 - i. No Report
 - c. **Finance** – R. Owen
 - i. No Report
 - d. **Membership/Welcoming** – K. Wright/D. Rushing
 - i. Got word today that Gas n More is closing; Lesley said she is trying to stay open 2 more weeks to sell out inventory
 - e. **PR/Marketing** – R. Elser
 - i. Divas and Dudes Night Out to benefit Legion Auxiliary – Saturday, April 12th, 6:30p-8:30p at the Legion Post; \$25 Diva package/\$15 Dude package
 - ii. Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Sorority – Friday, April 4th, 8p at the Legion Post; \$10 and a can good
 - iii. Facebook, Chamber website and ECM have all been updated with current events
 - iv. Marissa/Lenzburg/New Athens phone book – April 5th is the deadline to get a 10% discount on ad cost; expected to put out 2,000 books this year – In the past the Chamber has paid up to \$250 for the ad. R. Elser made a motion to pay no more than \$300 for the ad; second by Mike Minks. Motion carried.

- f. **Movies and More** – D. Smith –
 - i. Talent Show at Grade School Friday, April 11th from 6:30p-?; RJ will do sound; J. Wright hot dogs
 - ii. Frozen newest for May movie
- g. **Scholarship** [deadline April 4th] – D. Smith
 - i. No applications received yet
- h. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
 - i. Sewer project still going along
 - ii. Opened bids for small lot of property behind Senior Center and sold to adjacent property owner.
- i. **Toast of Marissa** – J. Wright –
 - i. Stump Water Shine has been confirmed. Working on Vendor Village Contract.
- j. **Yard Sale/Krispy Kreme** [May 3rd] – S. Huckfeldt
 - i. Sign-up sheets at White Lumber, Regions Bank and Style Seller; posted fliers on bulletin boards and at businesses all around town.

VII. Old Business

- a. **2014 Committee Sign-Up**
 - i. Chili Cook-Off – R. Elser and D. Smith met with Rushing for a Cure trying to rework the event and times to make it work. Table until K. Wright gets back to go over this with us.
 - ii. Small Business Initiative –

VIII. New Business

a. **Building – Chamber Office Project (203 N Main St)**

Findings by the Office Project Committee were discussed: great location; building is in relatively good shape; ample office and storage space; ample parking; building owned free and clear; and donor is offering it to Chamber at no cost. Donor does require a certified commercial appraisal for tax purposes and he would like the transfer of the building completed by June 1, 2014. A commercial appraisal was scheduled, but Chamber felt this needs to be postponed until a commercial inspection is conducted due to the high cost of the appraisal (estimated at \$500-\$2,000). M. VanDuesen will notify appraiser commercial appraisal has been temporarily postponed. R. Elser worked with Office Project Committee to develop some financial statements regarding the building. Financial analysis was distributed and discussed. It was noted as these are tentative numbers and subject to change. S. Cross spoke with St. Clair County and they believe we can get a tax exemption from the County, but we may still be liable for school tax (~\$700). Lenny Sinn has checked the roof, which requires some repairs. J. Wiright working with Danny Siebert from Village of Marissa on ADHA compliance for bathrooms and entrance. Village walk through stated the following fail: GFI, electrical boxes in back, back porch/carport, floor in back area, tripping hazard in backroom.

M. Minks made a motion to move forward with considering the building as the future home of the Chamber; second by C. White. Motion carried.

R. Elser motioned to spend up to \$600 for commercial inspection and \$100 for Village inspection so we can determine if we want to move forward with a commercial appraisal; second by B. Lake. Motion carried.

M. Minks made a motion not to exceed \$1,500 for commercial appraisal after commercial inspection is complete and no major issues are noted; second by C. White. Motion carried.

A vote will be conducting in April to determine if Chamber wants to accept the building or not. Committee will distribute a summary and financial analysis of the building to all members to review prior to the April General Membership Meeting.

- b. Senior Center needs board members. Do not have to be a senior citizen to be on the board.
- c. D. Smith working on nominating committee for next year – elections in April, vote in May

IX. Attendance Raffle

- a. Bill Norton was selected, but not present. \$27 will roll over to the next meeting.

X. Adjourn

- a. C. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13p.m.; second by R. Owen. Motion carried.