



**General Membership Meeting  
The Pour House  
April 17, 2014**

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

- a. D. Smith called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. President's Report**

- a. Thank you to Chamber members for supporting Reiss Ford's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- b. On a personal note, Thank you to everyone for inquiring about granddaughters recent accident.
- c. Thank you to K. Fritz, L. McMahon and S. Huckfeldt for helping with Diva & Dudes Night Out.
- d. Guest: Nicole Laskowski – FFA
  - i. Ag Class has to do record book projects – Nicole has chosen “promoting everyone to buy IL products”; Chapter can win money for people signing up for the Buy Illinois Challenge where you pledge to dedicate \$10 of your existing weekly grocery budget to purchasing Illinois produced products. Asking for help with advertising and/or someone to represent Chamber at the meeting. Also selling \$15 t-shirt “I’m an IL product and proud of it”. Meeting date not yet set – July sometime – Suggested that G. Laskowski represent the Chamber at the event.

**IV. Secretary's Report**

- a. Attendance: 23 members present
- b. Minutes: G. Laskowski made a motion to approve the March 17th meeting minutes; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.
- c. Correspondence: None

**V. Treasurer's Report:**

- a. K. Fritz made a motion to approve the March 2014 Treasurer's Report; second by R. Elser. Motion carried.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**a. Chili Cook-Off/Tootin Around Marissa -**

- i. Recommendation made to have the Chili Cook-Off in conjunction with Rushing For the Cure Sept 27<sup>th</sup> in an effort to rally more support for both events. Would still need a Chairman for the event. A show of hands was requested in support of keeping the Chili Cook-off event – no hands were raised – as a Chamber is was decided that Chili Cook-off event be dropped at this time and could be looked at again some time in the future.
- ii. Discussion was made to have Tootin Around Marissa in conjunction with Rushing For the Cure – it was decided that this would work, the event would continue with the same logo and that riders would be given vouchers that could be used at G. Laskowski's food stand. Voucher specifics to be decided upon by the committee.

**b. Coal Festival [June 12, 13, 14] – C. DeMange**

- i. Bingo Fri 6-11; Sat 6-9 – sign-up sheets at next meeting. Have 3 quilts – 2 for this year, 1 for next year.
- ii. K. Neal has sent out wrist bands and already received 3 replies. R. Elser made a motion for Chamber contribute up to \$300 for wrist bands; second by K. Fritz. Motion carried.
- iii. American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a Flag Day 5K Run – no walk – several chamber members are working with them on this event; t-shirt sponsor letters will be going out the first part of the week - \$10 sponsorship. Registration 8 a.m., Run starts 9 a.m.; working on getting flags up around park due to being Flag Day.

**c. Coal Festival Float – J. Wright**

- i. Start meeting at farm at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>; let Jake know if you can help

- d. **Finance** – R. Owen
  - i. Membership invoices will be going out in the next few days; last years went out late. They are due in June.
- e. **Golf Tournament** [June 28<sup>th</sup>] – S. Cross
  - i. Date set at Rec Area
- f. **Membership/Welcoming** – K. Wright/D. Rushing
  - i. New attorney in town; Bill Norton would like to personally bring to next months meeting and introduce them
- g. **PR/Marketing** – R. Elser
  - i. 2014 Marissa/Lenzburg/New Athens/Tilden phone book - if not listed or want something changed let R. Elser know right away
  - ii. Renewal for ad for visitors guide spring/summer issue deadline June 17<sup>th</sup> – don't see where Chamber or local businesses are getting much lift from this; don't recommend doing it other than maybe Toast of Marissa.
- h. **Movies and More** – D. Smith –
  - i. Talent Show went well, approximate 150 people attended, kids were great – popcorn donated by Sparta Theatre
  - ii. May 9<sup>th</sup> movie at park “Frozen”
- i. **Scholarship** [deadline April 4<sup>th</sup>] – D. Smith
  - i. 6 applications – Committee will be getting together in May to start interviewing
- j. **Toast of Marissa** – J. Wright –
  - i. No Report
- k. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
  - i. Saturday April 18-19<sup>th</sup> – crew starting work on Dale Reese's roof Friday night; starting on Pat Jackson's roof Saturday morning; city workers taking down storage buildings for several residence; Roland Young in charge at Reese home; Joey Reister at Jackson home. R. Elser made a motion to donate \$200 towards food for the workers; second by R. Kane. Motion carried.
- l. **Yard Sale/Krispy Kreme** [May 3<sup>rd</sup>] – S. Huckfeldt
  - i. 11 residents signed-up so far; Volunteers needed to sell donuts from 6:45 a.m. until sold out.

## VII. Old Business

- a. **2014 Committee Sign-Up**
  - i. Chili Cook-off – disband committee for now
  - ii. Small Business Initiative – disband committee for now. Can do Diva's Day at the Legion.
- b. **Building – Chamber Office Project (203 N Main St)**
  - i. Office Project Committee reported that inspection has been done, roof has to be fixed (caulked at this time); load bearing wall can be re-moved and replaced with a couple of posts; structurally sound building – if anyone wants to read the report see J. Wright.
  - ii. Donna found that a Chamber of Commerce is not eligible for tax relief in the state of Illinois; report in paper says Marissa to have a 2.9% increase in tax bills this year.
  - iii. Blind ballot vote taken – 16 to 6 in favor of accepting the donation and continuing forward. M. VanDeusen was given go ahead with commercial appraisal the donor requested.

## VIII. New Business

- a. **2014-15 Officer/Board Member Nominations**
  - i. Time to elect new officers - President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2 Directors; Slate of possible officers will be presented at May General Meeting and voted on at June General Meeting

## IX. Attendance Raffle

Doug White Lumber was selected, but not present. \$48 will roll over to the next meeting. [\$27 last month]

## X. Adjourn

- a. R. Elser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.; second by R. Kane. Motion carried.