



**General Membership Meeting
The American Legion Post 172
November 20, 2014**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. L. McMahon called meeting to order at 7:12pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. 2015 Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee Appointment – K. Fritz, Chairman – committee will brain storm and come up with ideas to celebrate the Chambers 10 year anniversary during 2015; anyone wishing to be on the committee let K. Fritz know
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 13 members present
 - b. Minutes: D. Smith made a motion to approve the October 16th meeting minutes; second by K. Fritz. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence: None
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. J. Wright made a motion to approve the October 2014 Treasurer's Report; second by B. Lake. Motion carried.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Annual Dinner** [Jan 24] – D. Smith
 - i. Committee meeting following Chamber meeting; anyone wishing to help may attend
 - ii. **MVP Award** – nominations are now being taken; applications can be downloaded from the website
 - b. **Chamber Office Project** (203 N Main St) – J. Wright
 - i. As soon as the Toast stuff is able to be moved to the back, Eric Reinhardt will resume mudding/taping the drywall, he will also help the ladies with the painting. Notices will be sent out asking for volunteers when this project is ready to begin.
 - ii. B. Hurst will be hanging the ceiling
 - c. **Finance** – R. Elser
 - i. **Alberta Hamilton Grant** – Board of Directors decided to request funds to replace torn and tattered Chamber banners which hang from the Main Street and Lyons light poles. Suggested amount is \$1,500 and includes several new banners and replacement of broken hardware. R. Elser is working on the Grant Request, which is due at the end of the month, but needs some additional information on the original banner prices. He will check with K. Wright, who worked on this project originally, when she returns from Florida. If any other members were involved on this project, please ask contact Randy.
 - ii. **Banking Fees** – Regions Bank reversed the \$4.50 NSF fee from last month.
 - d. **Membership/Welcoming** – D. Rushing
 - i. **New Member** – Antique Station Restaurant – Alvis & Bev Murray, Owners
 - e. **PR/Marketing** – R. Elser
 - i. EMC, Chamber website and Facebook has been updated with all of the holiday happenings in Marissa

- ii. Need to finalize dates for 2015, including Toast of Marissa, Tootin' Around Marissa and Chili Cook Off, if we elect to have it next year.
- f. **Secret Santa Crawl** [Nov 29] – K. Fritz
 - i. Bus is reserved; 5 locations are confirmed; boxes will be at each location and will be picked up the next week; 17 signed up now, need 30 to break even
- g. **Shooting Complex Liaison** – K. Wright
 - i. No report
- h. **Toast of Marissa** [Nov 8] – J. Wright
 - i. Estimated Profit of \$2,000 versus \$3,600 in 2013
 - ii. Revenue about the same, but expenses were higher this year (\$1,000 advertising + \$600 tokens)
 - iii. Wine Samples were up (+200 samples); Wine Bottle Sales were up (+39 bottles); 5 Wineries split \$6,504.25
 - iv. Beer sales flat; Beer Tips raised \$184.67 for Marissa Food Pantry
 - v. Wrap-up Meeting to be held on 12-04-14 at 8:00 pm
- i. **Grape Stomp 5-K** [Nov 8] – S. Gilley/S. Wright
 - i. No report
- j. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
 - i. Monday will be last day for city to pick up leaves; call City Hall for appointment
- k. **Yard of the Month** – M. Minks
 - i. Oct – Didn't do one after all

VII. Old Business

- a. **Trunk or Treat** [Oct 24] – K. Wright – no report

VIII. New Business

- a. **Chamber Christmas Party** – discussion was made to have a Christmas party this year or to use the money that would be spent for either a Chamber Office Open House or a 10-year Anniversary Dinner. Donna made a motion to not have the Christmas party; second by S. Cross; 8 yea; 1 neh; 3 no vote – decision was made to have a potluck instead. December 18th meeting will be a Potluck, 10-Year Anniversary Brainstorming and 2015 Committee Sign-Up meeting at the Marissa Legion Post at 7 p.m.
- b. **2015 Committee Sign Up** – any committees not chaired will be disbanded. Will have sign-up sheet at December meeting.

IX. Attendance Raffle

Doza Creek Leather and Antiques was selected, but not present. \$29 will roll over to the next meeting. [\$16 from last month]

X. Adjourn

- a. J. Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.; second by P. Miesner. Motion carried.