

**Leon Chamber of Commerce**  
**Thursday, January 6, 2022**  
**Decatur County Hospital Conference Room**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Roll Call:** Doug Kouba, Marcia Stephens, John Dunsdon, Shannon Erb, Emily Munter, Jo Beth Smith

**Call to Order:** President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45 am.

**Welcome and Celebrations:** Darrell Johnston has a performance of his new show on January 6th at Graceland. Nick Carpenter opened a new agricultural mechanic shop in the former Hill's Auto building.

**Approve Consent Agenda:** Motion by John Dunsdon, second by Shannon Erb to approve the consent agenda including the January 6, 2022 agenda, and December 2, 2021 minutes. M/C

**Financial Report:** No financials were presented.

**Chamber Business**

- Chamber Coffee Update: the group recapped the success of the Chamber Coffee event at Don's Floral to celebrate their 20th anniversary. A \$30 gift certificate was given to Don's Floral to giveaway during their anniversary celebration. The next event is scheduled for January 22 at LT's Auto in Decatur City, just ahead of their 1-year anniversary celebration.
- Banner report: 3 banners were blown down in a recent windstorm. A handful more need to be adjusted. Podium Ink is to be working on a new banner design.
- 2022 Membership, Budget, Officers: Erb was directed to add new members to the email list to communicate updates to via the email system.
- Facebook Discount Gift Certificate Program Update: Marcia Stephens reported that there is \$50 remaining in the account, plus any funds that Farmers Bank contributed (amount unknown). The funds will be held until a use is identified.

**Live**

- Healthy Hometown/5-2-1-0: Shannon Erb updated the group that 3 projects have been selected to fund in 2022. 1) Playground equipment at North Elementary. 2) Signage to education and encourage wellness on the Little River Scenic Pathway. 3) Crosswalk painting at major pedestrian paths around Central Decatur School buildings.
- FLRSP: The group raised \$876 at the Central Decatur meal fundraiser. There are still grants outstanding and upcoming to try and fund phase 1.

**Play**

- Leon Noel Review: the weather was tough, but the event seemed to be a success. Shannon Erb will send a thank you note to Rosa Sondag and her students that made this event possible.
- Annual Meeting: a day of January 27th was originally discussed, but that will need to be moved. An update will be provided at a future meeting.

### **Work**

- Leon Development: next meeting will be January 13th at 7:30 am at Leon Journal-Reporter.
- Leon Development Properties: the group discussed SWCC house projects and noted that house 1 is officially for sale. The future of the program will require projects to be brought to the table. Contact Chris Coffelt with ideas.

### **Chamber/Partner Updates**

- City of Leon: A new public works director (Conner Christensen) has been hired.
- DCDC: The former Dollar General building is for sale for \$250,000, or lease at \$2,500 per month triple net. The OBB/CFI Tire building is for sale for \$3 million, and the owner has agreed to work with any buyers on upgrades to the building to be included in that price.

### **Next Meeting Date**

- Thursday, February 2, 2022 at 7:30 am in the Decatur County Hospital Conference Room.

**Adjourn:** President Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 am.

### **ATTEST:**

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Shannon Erb, Secretary