

**Leon Chamber of Commerce**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2022**  
**Decatur County Hospital Conference Room**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Roll Call:** Marcia Stephens, Tonya Lindsey, Doug Kouba, John Dunsdon, Chris Coffelt, Shannon Erb, Shane Akers, Jo Beth Smith

**Call to Order:** President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.

**Welcome and Celebrations:** Central Decatur Schools celebrated Read Across America with a rodeo theme, including a visit from some local celebrities. Bridge work is beginning on J20 between the Interstate and Grand River. City Public Works employees have been working to patch pot holes and repair roads throughout town.

**Approve Consent Agenda:** Motion by Tonya Lindsey, second by John Dunsdon to approve the consent agenda including the March 3, 2022 agenda (with 3 additions - Easter celebration, Health Hometown Walk, and Scholarships), February 3, 2022 minutes, and February Financials. M/C

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Akers presented a financial report that showed a gross revenue of \$1,323.80, and net revenue of \$496.82 for the month of February 2022.

**Chamber Business**

- Chamber Coffee Update: Unfortunately, the event at Casey's in February was canceled. The next Chamber Coffee will be March 23rd at Dollar General. Start time is 9:30 am.
- Banner report: Kouba reported that a design is still being worked on at Podium Ink. Kyle Sheetz has revamped the City of Leon logo, and Doug will present a new design and quote to print more banners when finalized.
  - Conversation also evolved to discuss the flower baskets around town. 15 businesses have agreed to take care of the baskets in front of their buildings. 4 additional, larger baskets will be added at the four-way intersection of highway 2 and main street. Tonya will approach the City to help water these new baskets. John Dunsdon motioned, Marcia Stephens seconded, to fund the purchase of these four additional baskets, including flowers, from Yutze's in Decatur. - M/C
- 2022 Membership Update: Doug reminded the group to follow up with their assigned contacts.
- New Website Development Update: Erb presented some new logo options. The group reached consensus to go back to the designer and ask him to revamp the existing logo to keep the building and font from the current logo that the group likes
- SWCC House Sale: the first SWCC house is in the process of being sold. DCDC is working with the buyer to finalize the purchase, and possession will hopefully take place around July 1.
- Scholarships (addition to agenda): Doug Kouba and Tonya Lindsey volunteered to help review scholarship applications. A \$1,000 in scholarship funds are available, and Kimberly Elsberry will be notified so that students can apply.

**Live**

- FLRSP: Grants are still being reviewed for potential funding to continue expansion of the trail to the Leon Depot. The group is also seeking grant funding to install a pit toilet at the trailhead near Lake Road.

**Play**

- Easter Egg Hunt (addition to agenda): Stephens reported that SIRF will help with the Easter Egg Hunt again this year. The Leon Fire Department will also host a pancake breakfast. The Easter Bunny will be on site. The event will take place on April 9th.
- Health Hometown Walk: Stephens presented an opportunity for Leon to participate in the Health Hometown Walk put on by the Iowa 5-2-1-0 program. The program allows communities to participate for \$10,000 in grant funding. However, community members would need to register for the walk, and pay a registration fee. The group reached consensus that it was probably not the best fit, and instead marketing would take place to try and recruit individual donors.
- During the future events discussion, Stephens indicated that the Boy Scouts would be hosting a food drive at Hy-Vee from 9am - 2pm on Saturday, March 12th. Food will be donated to the food pantry.

#### **Work**

- Leon Development: next meeting will be March 10th, 2022 at 7:30 am.
- Leon Development Properties: The bids for vacant and abandoned properties were pushed back to the March 7th city council meeting. The LEDC bids will be carried forward.

#### **Chamber/Partner Updates**

- City of Leon: No updates were provided.
- DCDC: No updates were provided.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

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

**Adjourn:** President Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:39 am.

#### **ATTEST:**

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Shannon Erb, Secretary