

Florence County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

P.O. Box 643- Florence, WI 54121

FLORENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2016 @ C&R Bar (Aurora)

Attending: Rick Knepper, Tracy Ries, Debbie Emond, Evelyn Vassar,
Pat Dooley, Cindy Nichols

Meeting was called to order @ 5:45 pm by Rick Knepper - President. Meeting was held at the Filling Station and began with an introduction of attendees.

Approval of minutes and treasurers report

Motion by Debbie to approve the minutes from January 2016 meeting, 2nd by Pat, motion carried.

Motion by Evelyn to approve the treasurer's report, 2nd by Tracy, motion carried.

Correspondence – NA.

Committee Reports

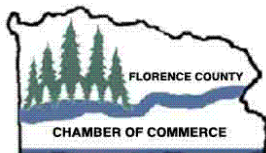
- 1) **Sport / Fishing Shows-**
 - a. Milwaukee show went well.
 - b. Canoecopia (attended by Wendy and Lori) went well.
- 2) **Visitors Guide –**
 - a. Are printed and are being distributed
 - b. Wendy and Lori are looking into hiring a company to sell ads and print Visitor's Guide
 - c. Will have a loss for the year, if we do the work, we will need to start earlier, (September)
- 3) **Newsletter –**
 - a. Will come out before Town Rummage and Rock Show
- 4) **Beautification –**
 - a. We will be getting younger plants in order to save money from grow time in hot house.
 - b. Town will be re-doing the sidewalks and will possible leaving planter/open spots in the sidewalk in which to put plants and/or trees.
- 5) **Membership –**
 - a. 127
 - b. 128 – Cindy Lu's Creations joined this evening.
- 6) **Web Site –**
 - a. Businesses info is being updated as memberships come in.
 - b. First page of 'chamber members' has been redesigned showing just categories.
- 7) **Facebook -**
 - a. Talked about changing photos more often
- 8) **Winter Fest (March 5, 2016) –**
 - a. Went ok, Cindy and Fred said they could have used more help
 - b. Going to re-make 'water balloon launcher' to use for target with snowballs/
- 9) **Town Rummage and Rock Show (Jun 4, 2016) –**
 - a. Florence geological group will be setting up in front of Committee Center for the Rock Swap and Show
 - b. Need to check if there is electric available
 - c. Ask if they could also use the pavilion
- 10) **County Fair (August 26-28, 2015) N/A**
- 11) **Christmas Event (Dec 3, 2016) –**
 - a. Need to find a Chair-person to keep the planning moving forward.
 - b. Plans are:
 - i. Talk of moving the event to the High School
 1. Deposit of \$100 (refundable), Cleaning Fee \$200, its larger, more activities, more vendors, better kitchen for more items,

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Old Business –

- Phone booth from Spread Eagle that Rick got from the phone company
 - Needs some work. Need the floor re-built
 - Will look for life-like Superman to pose with booth.
 - Need to make it portable. For possible "Where's phone booth" (Waldo) throughout the county
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New Business –

- Wendy is applying for (through the Chamber) for **CONNECT COMMUNITIES** (similar to Main Street programs but for smaller communities)
 - Debbie is applying for DUNN's number
- Discussed having a Halloween Event
 - Oct 15 or 22
 - Need Chair-Person
 - Activities suggested
 - Haunted Hay Ride
 - Dance
- Welcomed Cindy Nichols of Cindy Lu's Creations as a new member

Chamber Pot Drawing

- Maplewood Villa's ticket was drawn – they were NOT present to win
- This month's \$25 will carry over to the next Chamber meeting on May 24 at Roadhouse 139 Bar, (Long Lake) for a Chamber Pot now worth \$50

Member Concerns – N/A

Being there no further business at 6:30, a motion was made by Debbie to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tracy, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Vassar

Special 'Thanks' to C & R Bar for hosting our meeting.

Social and networking time followed the meeting.

Next meeting is May 24 – Road House Bar, (Long Lake)

2016 Florence County Chamber of Commerce Meeting Dates

January 26 – Filling Station

March 22 – The C & R (Aurora)

May 24 – Roadhouse 139 Bar, (Long Lake)

July 26 – Chuckwagon (Annual Organizational Meeting)

September 27 – Tavern On Central

December 6 – Gina Marie's