

Florence County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

P.O. Box 643- Florence, WI 54121

FLORENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2016 @ Roadhouse 139

Attending: Rick Knepper, Tracy Ries, Debbie Emond, Evelyn Vassar,
Leland Nelson, Dwaine Drewa, Mary LeFerre, Nancy Modschcedle, Fran Modschcedler, Bob Black, Dawn Lord,
Dan Roethel, Diane Roethel, Cinde Nichols, Connie Falk

Meeting was called to order @ 5:30 pm by Rick Knepper - President. Meeting was held at the Roadhouse 139 and began with an introduction of attendees.

Approval of minutes and treasurers report

Motion by Dwaine to approve the minutes from March 2016 meeting, 2nd by Tracy, motion carried.

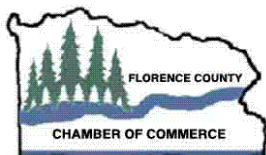
Motion by Tracy to approve the treasurer's report, 2nd by Leland, motion carried.

Correspondence – NA.

Committee Reports

- 1) **Sport / Fishing Shows-**
 - a. Need to recruit people again for next year's Milwaukee show
- 2) **Visitors Guide –**
 - a. Lori at the Interpretative Center will be taking over.
 - b. If business names and or adds are to be included , they will have to be a separate addition
- 3) **Beautification –**
 - a. Flowers have been delivered and planted.
 - b. We got younger plants in order to save money from growth time in hot house.
 - c. 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.
- 4) **Newsletter –**
 - a. No sponsor at this time
- 5) **Membership –**
 - a. 128 –.
- 6) **Web Site –**
 - a. Businesses info is being updated as memberships come in.
- 7) **Facebook -**
 - a. Talked about changing photos more often
- 8) **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
- 9) **County Fair (August 26-28, 2016)** N/A
- 10) **Halloween Event (Oct 15)**
 - a. Need Chair-Person
 - b. Activities suggested: Haunted Hay Ride,Dance
- 11) **Christmas Event (Dec 3, 2016) –**
 - a. Need to find a Chair-person to keep the planning moving forward.
 - i. Plans are to move event to the High School
 - ii. Deposit of \$100 (refundable), Cleaning Fee \$200, its larger, more vendors, better kitchen for more items
- 12) **Winter Fest (March 4, 2017)** – N/A

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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

New Business –

- EDC update
 - Wendy is applying for (through the Chamber) for **CONNECT COMMUNITIES** (similar to Main Street programs but for smaller communities)
- Connie Falk from the Library – spoke of the monies received and the new programs
 - Books on a Bus
 - Un-manned library posts (Long Lake, Fence & Aurora)
- Leland Nelson spoke about getting Gilbert Brown (GB Packer) up to help raise money for a disabled child (Sternhagen)
- Welcomed Cindy Nichols of Cindy Lu's Creations as a new member

Chamber Pot Drawing

- Jacobs Funeral Home's ticket was drawn – they were NOT present to win
- This month's \$25 will carry over to the next Chamber meeting on July 26 at Chuckwagon for a Chamber Pot now worth \$75

Member Concerns – N/A

Being there no further business at 6:05, a motion was made by Dwaine to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Debbie, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Vassar

Special 'Thanks' to Roadhouse 139 for hosting our meeting.

Social and networking time followed the meeting.

**Next meeting is July 26 @ the Chuckwagon
for the Annual Election Meeting**

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