

**Pearl River Board of Trade Inc. DBA Pearl River Chamber of Commerce
Pearl River Chamber Minutes for General Meeting
September 9th, 2015, 7:00 pm – AquaTerra Grille**

Call to Order

Roll Call – see below list of attendees

Report of the Treasurer:

Checking acct: \$45,620
Cash on the Town: \$ 3,810
Holiday Lts/Beautification: \$ 4,000

Report of the Committees

Committee updates

- **Membership:** Matt Reid reported membership is 100+.
- **Government Liaison:** Robert Tompkins reported tomorrow is vote for primaries.
 - **Telephone Project Update:** Matt Reid reported making progress with O&R (10 yrs ago questioned how to move-O&R meeting, walked around town, determined options). Raising wires up – Central Ave ok, Main has problem. Moving poles to behind buildings.
- **Promotions and Events:**
 - **Pearl River Day 2015:** Michelle reports vendors at 100+, could be best year. Sponsors good – need \$500, \$250, \$100. Need volunteers – passed sign up sheet around, some teens. The River is supplying the staff, Pat Heaphy working on radio station (new) – The Peak will be at PR Day from 12-2 – promote on air the week prior. There will be a lot of facebook posts – share it, like it. This year no rain date. Committee will meet one more time before 10/10.
 - **Santa Crawl** – hold the date: 12/5
- **Technology:** Website/facebook needs updates on PR Day sponsors, entertainment, vendor details.
- **Beautification:** Sidewalk Project – Matt Reid reported that sidewalks starting week of 9/7 (9/9) then delayed to Monday, 9/14. 6-10 weeks cutting and laying, 2 weeks each storefront/access in back. # feet varies per storefront. Landlord can pay for additional work.
- **Pearl River Farmers' Market:** Antoinette Flynn reported that Market has lost some foot traffic – reduced hours during summer to 10am-2pm. Restarting 10am-4pm on September 11. Need support from Chamber to keep Market going: need businesses to sign up to staff Chamber table. Committee meeting at The River on 9/10 at 8pm to discuss the Market's future. Discussion of moving Market to Central Avenue, changing hours. Need to inquire about permits. Tim Binkele discussed the need for community help.

Halloween Trick or Treating Event:

Matt Reid made a motion to approve spending up to \$1500 on Halloween

- Brian Campbell seconded
- Vote: all approve

Meeting minutes to be approved:

Matt Reid made a motion to approve May meeting minutes

- Chris Smith seconded
- Vote: all approve

Comments – Discussion

Upcoming Events:

- **Pearl River Day, Saturday, October 10th**
- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 14th

Adjournment Matt Reid adjourned meeting

Attendees – September 9th, 2015 General Meeting:

Kelly Maris
Bryan Beaudry
Pat Holt
Angelo Raffa
Mark Griffith
Kate Grossley
Maureen Dansky
Ben Shifteh
Simi Shifteh
Jena Rankin
Matt Reid
Vince O'Rourke
Brian Campbell
Chris Smith
Tim Binkele
Jeff Gibs
Irene Zawitkowski
Susan Perigian
Pat Heaphy
Michelle Worob
Robert Tompkins
Patty Hughes
Bob Howell
Nellie Rosenbacher
Janet LoBoves
Antoinette Flynn
Siobhan O'Neill