

**Pearl River Board of Trade Inc. DBA Pearl River Chamber of Commerce
Pearl River Chamber Minutes for General Meeting
September 14th, 2016, 7:00 pm – AquaTerra Grille**

Call to Order by Matt Reid

Roll Call – see below list of attendees

Report of the Treasurer:

Checking acct: \$66,692.43
Cash on the Town: \$ 4,827.48
Holiday Lts/Beautification: \$ 4,200.00

Report of the Committees

Committee updates

- **Membership:** 101 total, 78 business, 23 residents. Please renew your membership or join online.
- **Government Liaison:** Robert Tompkins reported Main/Central poles/lights on hold for summer. Mark Griffith working on removing poles at low cost. Sidewalks done/trees need water – S. Munnos will water. Who is responsible to water?
- **Promotions and Events:**
 - Pearl River Day is Saturday, October 8, 10-year anniversary. Brian Campbell reported 130 sponsors/vendors on books – looks good. Cut off for t-shirt sponsorship was 9/8. Celtic Cross performs from 6-8 pm. Will need help putting bags on meters Friday night. Arrive 5am to check for cars that need to be moved. Will have 50/50 ticket selling - \$5 each – last year's prize was \$1300. Talk of moving pumpkin painting location, Angelo ok with electric.
- **Technology:**
- **Beautification:**
 - Chris Smith – paving downtown (milled) near post office, Main to Vision – supposedly done by 9/16 but may go longer.
 - Matt reported fall flags will be here on Monday, installed in next 2 weeks. They will be up until Thanksgiving.
 - Christmas Lights: town contributes \$15,000 pays for majority of cost. Last year added lights over Central Ave (\$6000 total). This year wreaths are bad, add new snowflakes – need pole mounts, every 3rd pole. Bring snowflakes to 711 on Middletown to Central. Plan to start with every 3rd pole then every 2nd pole until all poles done.
 - Angelo Raffa reported try LED lights on posts by slowly replacing – change during Christmas time – colors? Will light up both sides of street, gives brighter look. Long term plan – 3 years down road.

Motion:

- Matt Reid made a motion to approve up to \$7000 budget to put towards new snowflakes and other potential upgrades. Brian Beaudry seconded. All in favor.
- Matt Reid made a motion to approve the July minutes. John Ryan seconded and all approve.

Comments – Discussion

New Business:

- Kevin Hardy – Nanuet Chamber event – Rotary invited too, on 9/21 6:30-8:30 at Mercedes Benz of Nanuet, Register on Nanuet Chamber site, save \$10.
- Annie Paratore – Halloween Trick or Treating event on 10/31, 3-5pm. Elegant balloons will create 6 pillars of balloons at intersection corners. No more 3-balloons with weights. Cost will be the same. Annie/Kim will walk flyers around town.
- New Members: John Fallon, JMK Tech Group; Juan Santos, Juan Santos Agency with Farmers Ins.
- Keith Kennedy, Pearl River Hotel, discussed concern for empty storefronts – becoming a village. For more information, visit: villageofpearlriver.org

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- October 8th Pearl River Day festival

Adjournment Matt Reid adjourned meeting

Attendees – September 14, 2016 General Meeting:

Pat Heaphy
Joe Luciano
Juan Santos
Jack Ryan
Matthew Smith
Meaghan Slaybaugh
Anne McGovern
John Fallon
Jeffrey Gibs
Mr. Carmelo
Robert Tompkins
Bryan Beaudry
Tom Hickey
Chris Smith
Nellie Grossenbacher
Patty Hughes
Andy Tannariello
Annie Paratore
Brian Campbell
Kevin Hardy
Matt Reid
Antoinette Flynn