

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Confluence

April 9th, 2019

Attendance

Amy Stapleton – WesBanco

Paul Bucciarelli – Duquesne University Small Business

Angie Urban – New Visions

Ronda Watkins – WesBanco

Sylvia Ewen – Warner Brothers

Erin Orrico – Lawrence County Chamber

Melissa Hamilton - WesBanco

Kati Dey – Lawrence County Chamber

Bob DeSignore – County Commissioner

Pat Amabile – Shipping Depot

Call to Order – Pat Amabile, President

Approval of Minutes – Angie Urban, 2nd – Paul Bucciarelli

Financial Report – Cash on Hand \$5,509.61

Partners Reports:

New Castle Downtown Business Association – The DBA will now have a Tag on the Chamber website. Kati and Erin are helping to set up a Facebook page. They will share this information at the next meeting and ask for feedback on this.

City of New Castle – Mayor not in attendance

County of Lawrence – Bob DeSignore – County needs work done around the Courthouse, hard to obtain bids for the work that needs done. They need walls built around the courtyard and a new roof on the jail and the courthouse.

Regional Chamber of Commerce – Kati Dey / Erin Orrico – Annual dinner held on March 13th had more sponsors than previous years. VIP cocktail event will have some changes made for the future. Constructive criticism, speaker to long and info given by the speaker was spot on. Nice media coverage for the event. Upcoming events: April 17th Shoestring Marketing event, June 10th Annual Golf Outing at the county club.

Tourist Promotion – Not in attendance

PA CareerLink – Not in attendance

New Visions – Angie Urban – Preparing for the Summer Concert Series. April 16th for Republican and April 30th for Democrats at the Confluence from 6 to 8. Anyone running for Mayor, City Council, School Board and County Commissioner is welcome to attend and give a 3 to 5 minute presentation. June 1st planting flowers in the downtown area. Accepting applications for the Veterans banners thru April 30th. Have already received 30 applications. Hired Tom Hardy as a consultant to look at the downtown area to see what type of business would be a good fit for that area. Blueprint Community Council is working on a business prospectus for the downtown area.

Blue Print – Not in attendance

Economic Development – Not in attendance

Warner Brothers - Sylvia Ewen – Waiting on grant funds for the carpet. Also mentioned the World War II exhibit that will run from March 30th thru May 21st at the Lawrence County Historical Building. They are showing War time movies at the museum. Will hold the June DBA meeting at Warner Brothers Museum.

Economic Development – Paul Bucciarelli – Save the date May 22nd for a Work Place Meeting sponsored by Lawrence County Economic Development, West Central Job Partnership, and Duquesne SBD.

Adjournment – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting will be held at Noon, on Tuesday, May 14th at the Chamber Office .