

Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tom Emerson Jr., Chairman, Paula Wallace, Vice-Chairman, Nicole Stevenson and Travis Wilson. Absent: Susan Caron, Laurel Ladewig and April Renfro. Also, present: Sue Differentcloud, Manager-Garnett Inn Suites & RV Park; Chris Weiner, City Manager (arriving later); Susan Wettstein, Director of Community Development and Kris Hix, Administrative Assistant/Chamber Director.

Positive Observations

The Chamber Players Community Theatre had a great play run with 680 tickets sold. Everyone is gearing up for the holiday weekend ahead.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Nicole Stevenson to approve the minutes of June 5, 2019 with the correction under New Business, changing "potion" to "motion". Travis Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Financial Report: Total approved grant funding through transient guest tax funds year to date is \$15,640.93. Budget amount available: \$4,359.07. Cash balance: \$53,933.96.

Old Business

April Renfro has been unable to make meetings. Susan reached out to her and she apologizes for not being able to attend and noted that if we needed to replace her, she understands. Ms. Renfro was invited to participate on the Tourism Advisory Board to represent the motels. Susan invited Sue Differentcloud to this meeting, as she expressed interest and commitment to participating on the board. Ms. Differentcloud is the manager of the Garnett Inn Suites & RV Park. The activities of the board were explained.

New Business

TGT Marketing Funds for Community Tourism Purposes – Nothing prepared at this time.

City Manager Weiner joined the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Staff Reports

Kris Hix reported that the Chamber Social will be held on August 8th at Monroe 816. Kris has received a scholarship to attend the Leadership Edge training through the Kansas Leadership Center.

Susan shared information on the project she is working on to submit for grant funding to KDWPT as a matching grant. This proposal needs more time to prepare and may not be submitted by the August 1 deadline. This grant has two (2) deadlines; August 1 and January 1. *Town Talk* is being mailed out. Work continues on the speaker system for the square. A lot is going on this month.

We are hosting the Morning Mingle social media training for Economic Development while Julie Turnipseed travels to Omaha for round 2 of Workkeys Community training. The Lieutenant Governor and the Office of Rural Prosperity will be here July 22.

Susan shared a copy of the Proposed 2020 Tourism Budget. The budgeted amounts for local grants, marketing and programs remains the same.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Paula Wallace to adjourn the meeting. Travis Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed, 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Susan Wettstein.