

THE GREATER INMAN OF AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 5, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The GIACC held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 in Inman City Hall. In attendance were Board members David Grayshock, Teri Newmark, Cliff Newmark, Tom Plemmons, Zylphia Ables, and Bessie Fisher. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were: Carolyn Emory – Inman Post 45 Auxiliary, Charles Sinclair – Inman Librarian, Roger and Kevin Newman – The Frame House, Wendy McCarty – Chamber Photographer, and Chamber members Doug Hurlbert, James Anderson and Robert Moore.

David Grayshock, President welcomed everyone then called the meeting to order. The meeting continued with:

- Reading of December meeting minutes. With a motion from Teri to approve minutes as read and a second from Cliff, minutes were approved unanimously.
- Reading of December financial report. With a motion from Bessie to approve as read and a second from Teri, financial report was approved unanimously.
- Distribution of ballots to vote on amendments to the current by-laws. Membership was notified by email with discussions of purpose of changes prior to secret ballot. Non-board members Wendy McCarty and James Anderson left the room to tally the votes. The amendments passed and will be so noted and updates inserted into by-laws.
- The Annual Membership Banquet will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at Starry Nights in downtown Inman beginning at 6:30. Invitations will be emailed to membership.
- The Inman Community Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Chamber and coordinated/directed by the Events Committee is scheduled for March 26. More details to follow.
- April 19th will be the 2nd Annual Opening of the Active Living Season to be held at Mathis Park on Bishop Street. This is sponsored by the Chamber and coordinated/ directed by the Active Living Committee. An Inman Trail Run is being discussed with more details to follow.
- FOUR CHAPLAIN'S DAY sponsored by the Inman American Legion Post 45 will be held at Inman First Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 2 beginning at 6 PM. Information will be posted on Chamber's Face Book.
- No Business Open Houses are scheduled to-date. These are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:30.
- Santa Fun Run sponsored by the City of Inman Police Department and supported by the Chamber and Spartanburg County CERT had 80 participants with 59% coming from outside the 29349 zip code

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- Tom Plemmons, Economic Development Committee, reported two meetings of the Committee with Jeff Bailey of the City of Inman Waste Water Treatment Facility and various interested parties including realtors and representatives of an economic development organization. This is an exciting time for the Inman area with great potential for growth and development along the Hwy. 292 corridor out to I-26. It was reported that Milliken has property adjacent to this area and seem interested in selling parcels. South Carolina is the second fastest growing US state. The Atlanta to Charlotte corridor is the second fastest growing corridor in the US.
- Charles Sinclair, Inman Librarian, reported there is only one additional acquisition of permissions to place Story Walk kiosks on personal property needed to proceed with the project. Toastmasters meet at the Inman Library on the first and third Wednesday of the month 12:00 – 1:00.
- David reminded attendees of an announcement made in January 2013 of the Chamber's intent to assist local merchants in various ways through the newly formed AIM project. Little has been done lately but an announcement will be made soon of new plans.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with an Executive Session following to discuss time sensitive topics.

Submitted by
Bessie Fisher, Secretary