

COTTER-GASSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Minutes – December 16, 2014 General Meeting

General membership meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chamber President Marcia Taylor. Meeting was held at the Gassville Community Center

Speaker and Sponsor Martha Grant – Life Changing Events and Taxes. Any who prepares taxes has responsibilities as a tax preparer and you should make sure they are a secure preparer. One life changing event that can affect your taxes is identity theft. Part of making sure your identity is secure is checking your credit at least once a year. You can visit annualcreditreport.com, Experian and Equifax. Be aware of fraudulent letters sent to your email saying they are from the IRS as the IRS will never contact you by email. Store your Social Security card securely and talk to a tax professional if you are worried at all that a fraudulent return has been filed in your name. Important as well is to know who you have listed as your beneficiary. Look at yearly and change if needed. Does your administrator know where your papers are kept? When you have a life changing event make sure that your tax preparer knows about it as these events could change your return.

Speaker – John Quirk – Cotter Crossing and Walnut Lane Apartments presented information to the members regarding these two complexes. They do have income guidelines. Walnut Hill is a HUD facility, residents must be 65 years or older or disabled. Cotter Crossing is a 55 years of age or older facility. Each of these complexes provides maintenance with grounds keeping. Deductions can be taken for certain situations with each being nice places to stay. They are in high demand and there is a waiting list.

Marketing Material – Brochures Fedexed today. Will be placed in visitors centers and Tourism board.

White River Marathon – Reported and wonderful event and were very grateful to the Chamber and look forward to next year's race.

Inauguration Ball – January 24th at Cotter VFW @ 5:30pm (More info to follow)

Shawnee Supreme – March 28th either a Shawnee or a Supreme to be given away.

Trout Fest – Jane Darr reports that the fest will be May 1st and 2nd. Cutthroat Trout will be the musical guest again this year. Businesses and services are needed for the parade as is a new head of parade events. White River Lions Club will hold it Classic Car Event and Sandy Barksdale and White River Artists will also be in Cotter all week with a Quick Draw on Friday to start the events along with Friday night's dinner.

Gassville in the Park – Diana Roller – Artists, vendors, food and music scheduled. Save the date cards available to hand out.

Officers will be announced in January.

The Membership committee (Gary Flippin Diana Roller and Jane Darr) are really trying to get new members from the Gassville community. There is good feedback from those they spoke to in so far.

Ribbon Cuttings – Flipp's Antiques and White Sands to be scheduled.

Gary Flippin mentions the Youth Center as in need of donations. Those can be sent to PO Box 284 Cotter, AR. 72626 and is rentable as well.

February's Speaker is the Youth Center.

March's Speaker is Warrior Station.