COTTER-GASSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – October 21, 2014 General Meeting

General membership meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Chamber President Marcia Taylor.

Meeting held at River Bend Park Hwy 345 South, Old Cotter Road, Gassville, AR. 72626 host Danny and Donna Montgomery (owners). They have been in the area for a little while and are looking to get involved with the community. They facility offers living for persons 55 years of age and older. They are planning a ribbon cutting in the Spring but they are open and have homes ready to be moved in to or you can bring your own home subject to approval.

OCTOBER SPEAKERS

Speakers Ron Peterson and Estella Tullgren addressed the members with information on the Hospital. Ron stated that this is a “community” hospital.

They have taken steps to prepare for an Ebola patient. They would house the patient for 3 hours and then the CDC would come and transfer the patient to 1 of 19 facilities. CISD Behavioral Health is please with their growth and look forward to continues growth. This coming summer they will have new doctors coming. The main focus is to preserve the comprehensive independent community driven healthcare system because quality healthcare is important to the community. He hears a lot of people saying that we should do away with the private option but he thinks they people are confusing the private op with the affordable care act. This hospital is the 5th most medicare dependent hospital in America. With 70% of their revenue coming from Medicare. Avergae 40% affected overall by the affordable care act. What they are seeing with this is that emergency visits are down and visits to regular doctors are up. 35% reduction in uninsured visits. To better understand he suggests visiting with your State Representative.

OLD BUSINESS

Marketing Material – Banner complete and Website changes are in progress. Brochure in the works as well and we should have one soon.

Ribbon Cuttings – The October Ribbon Cuttings for Vance Vision and Yes!Yoga were very successful.

Spring House Update – The City will have a Budget meeting on October 30th and one of the topics will be the Spring House so if you are interested please plan on attending. Roland Morris addressed the membership with news of the Spring House. The house is closed due to Mold. The City has had 2 workshops with the Spring House being addresses at both but no conclusion as been reached. Roland says he hears from people that the Spring House needs to be saved. He said “The Mayor wants to burn it”. He says there is $24,000.00 in insurance money and he (Roland) thinks it should be rebuilt because that is what he is hearing from the community. He does not believe that the “City needs to make money on the lease”. He said they should “lease for 1 dollar and have the lessee pay for the utilities”. He also encourage the membership to attend the October 30th workshop.

Shawnee Supreme Tournament Update – Paula Flippin says the tournament will be moved to the weekend of March 29th.

Trout Festival Update – Jane Darr says the whole group is looking forward to the upcoming festival.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanks to the nominating committee – Jane Darr, Beth Harmon, Shella Hagan and Tommy Hagan

White River Marathon – 6 volunteers needed to work the booth and hand out water on November 22nd.

Inauguration Bash – Chair needed. The event will be held at the Cotter VFW.

Meeting Format – Everyone likes meeting in different places each month. As long as we get plenty of notice and a reminder of where the meeting will be held no one sees a problem.

November Sponsor – Suggestions requested

November Speaker – Peitz Cancer House – Regina Ellis