

## **North Newton Chamber of Commerce Meeting 3-13-2018**

**Present:** Debbie Rossiter, Scarlett Schmitt, Sharyn Harvey, Linnie Schmitt, Bonnie Funk, Larry Dowty, Grace Hanley, Libby Albright, Abbey Rossiter, RoseMorgan, Cheryl Duffala, Sheriff Tom Van Vleet

Meeting was called to order by president Larry Dowty

**Introduction of guest:** Sheriff Van Vleet

**Guest Speaker:** Sheriff Van Vleet informed us of the opioid crisis in Newton county. The sheriff passed out statistics of arrests in Newton county, most were for drugs. Pain killers are the gateway to heroin, with pain killers you need a prescription, when it is unable to get people turn to heroin. Currently there are 77 beds in the Newton county jail, they are all filled.

**Motion to approve minutes** From February with the correction of the Easter Egg Hunt 3/24/18 meeting made by Sharyn , 2nd by Rose.

**Treasurer's report:** General Fund \$8954.33. Scholarship Fund \$12400.06. Motion to approve made by Debbie 2nd by Sharyn

**Old business:** Chamber Bingo Bonanza will be Sunday October 7th 2018 at the Roselawn American Legion. Doors open at noon, games start 1:00. Go Daddy website needs to be reviewed.

**New business:** Cemetary clean up 3/17 at 10:00am. 4/21 dog shot clinic at Thayer firehouse 8:00-11:00am. Lake Village firehouse noon-2pm.

**Membership Report:** 24 paid members for 2018.

**Announcements & Comments:** Legion will have corned beef & cabbage dinner 3/17/18. 1:00pm -? the cost is \$8.00.

**Adjournment:** Debbie, 2nd Rose