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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Richfield Township Hall, 1410 N. Saint Helen Road, Saint Helen, Mi 48656

July 26, 2021

- I. Meeting Called to order at 6:08 p.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited by all
- II. Roll Call taken, Bev VanMeter (exc.), Jan Waltz, Kathy Jernigan, Ray Wlosinski, Janet Bawol (exc.), John Sutter, Vijay Kumar, Torrie Wright (unexc.), Tula Alexander (exc.)
- III. No additions to agenda
- IV. Guest—Roberta Kary, Helping Hands  
Roberta is the chair for a committee working with Helping Hands, D.D.A. and the chamber of commerce to create an “all out” event for 2022. They are looking at combining it in with the ORV Jam in August 2022. Will be a type of expo where businesses (such as car dealers, boat dealers, bait shops, general merchandise) can set up their items in town and along with local businesses will offer discounts, prizes etc. Perhaps a punch card to be punched ONLY by the business and then collected by the chamber for a Grand Prize. To be continued at a later meeting.
- V. Motion by John Sutter and seconded by Ray Wlosinski to approve the minutes from the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion Passed
- VI. Treasurer’s report given by Kathy Jernigan. Balance \$5117.86, reflecting all income and expenses plus \$609.05 of DDA account. Report to be filed for future audit.
- VII. Time to select board positions. Jan Waltz proposed the seats based on conversations with those interested.  
The following is the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: President Ray Wlosinski, Vice-President Bev VanMeter, Secretary Jan Waltz, Treasurer Kathy Jernigan, Trustee John Sutter, Trustee Vijay Kumar, Trustee Torrie Wright. Motion by Vijay Kumar to accept positions as proposed and seconded by Ray Wlosinski. Motion Passed.
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Memberships---they are coming in through the mail, but there are some that will need to be visited.
  - b. Grants—Tula not at meeting. She will be looking for chamber grants while working on grants appropriate for DDA
  - c. Raffles—None
- IX. Old Business
  - a. Golf Outing—Scheduled for 9/26. Kathy to get gift certificates for golfers. She will notify golf course
  - b. Quilt Show – Scheduled for 10/11. Need to contact The Barn @ Evergreen Farms to see if their facility would be available to use.
  - c. Fish Fry—Scheduled for 9/18. COA centers are scheduled to reopen in August but could be touch and go with the pandemic still in the air. Chose to move to the VFW hall—holds 120 people. John said he can supply a cook, Kathy will get the entertainment. There will be meals to go or dine in. The tickets will ONLY be sold in advance—no tickets at the door. Possibility of putting some seating outdoors if necessary.
- X. New Business
  - a. New Office Transfer -- the chamber of commerce office is moving from the Benjamin Realty building to 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Barber Shop south end suite. Harley has made many improvements to his space, which will be much more pleasing to visitors and workers alike. Need movers for the weekend of July 31<sup>st</sup>/August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ray said he may be able to get some snowpackers to help. John suggested Mr. B’s crew as a possibility, and Ray mentioned that RZR RipN’ Rentals said they usually have down time in the middle of the day, perhaps they can help. Jan is to talk with Harley to lock in a time for us to move and

we will proceed with plans from there. Kathy suggested supplying refreshments, water & cookies etc. for the movers. Vijay said Adapt would pay for the refreshments if necessary.

- b. Create a certificate of appreciation for Janet Bawol for her time as secretary.
- c. The SHLA Family Fun Fest will allow sponsorship/operators in their cardboard boat race. The chamber should consider this for 2022 event.
- d. Ray would like to get all organizations together in early 2022 to discuss calendar events. Perhaps some events can be combined or at least not overlap on each other.
- e. Discussion regarding the new storage facility near I-75 ramps. Ray said the owner of the units intends to put in a campground at a later date. The person who purchased the old Iron Works had already gone before the planning commission with a campground proposal but nothing else has happened on that. Now there is another property owner, between the above two locations who is interested in putting in a rustic campground.
- f. The Firemens Memorial is the holding a Family Day (instead of Family Night) on 9/19

XI. John Sutter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathy Jernigan at 7pm

Respectfully,

Vickie Smith  
Recording Secretary