



Saint Helen Chamber of Commerce

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

October 24, 2022

- I. Meeting Called to order at 6:00 p.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited by all
- II. Roll Call taken, , Jan Waltz, Kathy Jernigan , Ray Wlosinski,
John Sutter , Vijay Kumar(exc), Tina Carpenter, Shirley Karch and Vickie Smith.
- III. Additions to agenda—New Business: pizza fundraiser, Justin Plunkett
Grant for Banner Poles for over the road
- IV. Introduction of Guests— Justin Plunkett
- V. There was a motion by Kathy Jernigan to approve Sept. minutes and seconded by
Jan Waltz. Motion passed
- VI. Treasurer’s report --report submitted by Kathy Jernigan showing the general account
Balance is \$5,984.64. This reflects all expenses and income. Includes Golf Outing and
Quilt Tour proceeds. Jan Waltz made a motion to accept the treasurers report, seconded
by Shirley Karch. Motion passed Report to be filed for future audit.
- VII. President’s Report -- nothing new to report at this time.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Memberships--- Still trying to get members. Kathy went to new owners at Powersports,
not available. She has also gone to Meijer several times to drop off welcome package
but she has not hit the right person yet.
 - b. Raffles – none in the works right now
 - c. Marketing Committee Report – Ray will participate in the Brownfield Study
 - d. ARPA Committee Report- still wanting to apply for Disc Golf course on the Pathways Garden
Property. Ray to submit a grant request for \$10,000 for 9 hole course
 - e. Office Manager Update—“Thanks” to John and Shirley for their great job during the
Meet & Greet. All positive feedback from that. Asked how the pumpkins would be
dealt with (lampposts and office). Jan said her son & daughter-in-law would collect and
take to the A.R.K. for them to use as food for the animals. Discussed Christmas with Santa
and the need to get more film for the camera. Agreed to order 4 boxes of 20 pics each.
Friday (Oct 28) is the judging for the fall decorating contest. I have started to make the
tally sheets, will collect the canisters on Friday morning and have the forms on the desk and
ready to be used by the judges before I leave at noon. Kathy will come to the office on Tues.
Nov. 1st to work on the letter & information to hand out for Shop Small Saturday which is
the same day as Santa Comes to St. Helen.

- IX. Old Business
- a. Santa—Discussed whether we should change from Jack Hawkins to Dean Carpenter for Santa, because Jack has not been vaccinated for Covid and the question has come up from outside the chamber board. It was agreed to go with Dean, Vickie will contact Jack and Dean.
 - b. Santa Parade—John Sutter/Helping Hands is handling the parade. Chamber will have Santa inside with cookies & cocoa, face painter ??, library kraft for the kids, pictures etc. Kathy will take care of a letter for the township hall to be used that night.
 - c. Decorations—Ray has set Nov. 21st at 1pm to get together to decorate the front of the township offices for Christmas
 - d. Trunk or Treat---Tina & Ray wil be there. Shirley donated 540 pcs of candy to hand out.
- X.
- a. Quilt Tour Update—Great turnout. They would like to add vendors next year. Kathy may end up making pumpkin shaped cookies. Justin would like to be considered to supply lunches.
 - b. Shop Small Saturday—will be held in conjunction with Santa comes to St. Helen. Businesses that want to participate will have a box to drop raffle tickets into—for every \$10.00 spent one ticket will be given. Drawing for grand prize will take place that evening.
 - c. Banner Poles....Ray will put together an ARPA grant application for \$15,000. To cover the cost of poles (quote from Midland Fence) and added pully system. Will send out to the board for approval once it is completed.
Jan turned in a receipt for \$24.62 for reimbursement. Expense was from Pathways Garden Halloween event held Oct. 22nd. Motion by Kathy Jernigan to pay to Jan, seconded by John Sutter. Motion Passed.
- XI. Items from the Audience...
- a. Justin Plunkett is having a fundraiser for the Summer Kick Off 2023. He will make 50 8x10 Detroit Style Pizza—donations on November 11 between 5pm and 9pm

Motion made by Kathy Jernigan to adjourn meeting at 7:15pm 2nd by John Sutter

Respectfully,

Vickie Smith
Recording Secretary

Next meeting November 28th, 2022