



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

November 28, 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 (exc) , Vijay Kumar, Tina Carpenter, Shirley Karch and Vickie Smith.
- III. Additions to agenda—New Business: ideas for 2023, Summer Kick Off and judges for contest
- IV. Introduction of Guests— Justin Plunkett & Woody
- V. There was a motion by Vijay Kumar to approve Oct. minutes and seconded by Kathy Jernigan. Motion passed
- VI. Treasurer's report --report submitted by Kathy Jernigan showing the general account Balance is \$6,701.36. This reflects all expenses and income. Total changes necessary, Will correct for next meeting (Jan 2023).
- VII. President's Report -- Melissa Sullivan is setting up Christmas Caroling Dec 18 from 1-3 Karrington Klasek from The Brook was unable to attend our meeting, Ray will set up a meeting with her and report back at next meeting.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Memberships--- Still trying to get members.
 - b. Raffles – none in the works right now
 - c. Marketing Committee Report – there is a grant in the works from EDC for Quilt Show Signs Next marketing meeting will be Dec. 5 in Roscommon chamber office.
 - d. ARPA Committee Report-nothing new. Ray will be stepping down from ARPA group and Jeff Furgeson will be new head of ARPA committee. Ray still needs to write up application for Disc Golf course at Pathways Park.
 - e. Office Manager Update –nothing new right now....
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Small Business Saturday— businesses were more prepared this year to discuss with their Customers. 398 tickets were placed in the boxes. Winner of Grand Prize was Dean Pennell Shirley and Tina did a great job with home based business expo at VFW—turned into more of a craft show.
 - b. Santa Parade—John Sutter/~~Helping Hands~~ We Care Shop did a great job with the parade...more floats this year. Santa was brought in on sleigh with 2 horses....certificate of appreciation for sleigh for Maple Valley Bison Ranch, James Bannon. Thanks to Bob Wright, Jerry Mynarcik & Ray Windsor for decorating the large tree in front of the township
 - c. Santa Night—was great. Lots of kids, lots of fun

- d. Chamber Ball—Vijay & Tina met once and messaged after that. Donations would be limited. Probably do levels; gold, silver etc. We will put this off until 2023 or 2024
- e. Dirty Smoke Fundraiser—made 41 pizzas The rush was from 5-7 then died off. Made 546.91 for kick off. Contacted the radio station for rib cook off. Next fundraiser might be pork Dec. or Jan. Would like to create a letter for vendors to request donations for SWAG bags.
- X. a. Ideas for 2023—Need ideas for ways to work FOR the businesses. Possibly work with other organizations. Maybe a scavenger hunt. Progressive Raffle w/business gift cards Business after hours. Vijay will host first after hours.....Justin will host in June 2023
- b. Summer Kick Off— Woody will be doing a hot dog eating contest with trophies.
- c. Judges for lighting contest—Dec 16th is the judging. Vickie will have tally sheets ready Ray will set up where they will meet before & after.
- XI. Items from the Audience...none
- XII. Good of the Order—December meeting canceled---next meeting will be Jan. 30, 2023.
- XIII. At 7:10 pm Kathy Jernigan made a motion to adjourn meeting, Vijay Kumar 2nd the motion

Respectfully,

Vickie Smith
Recording Secretary

Next meeting January 30, 2023