



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

August 29, 2022

- I. Meeting Called to order at 6:00 p.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited by all
- II. Roll Call taken, Bev VanMeter (unexc) , Jan Waltz, Kathy Jernigan , Ray Wlosinski, John Sutter , Vijay Kumar, Vickie Smith.
- III. Additions to agenda—New Business: cove park
- IV. Introduction of Guests— Tina Carpenter and Shirley Karch
- V. There was a motion by John Sutter and seconded by Vijay Kumar to approve May 23rd minutes. Motion passed
- VI. Treasurer’s report submitted by Kathy Jernigan. Balance of general account amended to \$5485.77, reflecting all income & expenses. Jan Waltz made a motion to amend the amended treasurers report, seconded by John Sutter. Motion Passed. Report to be filed for future audit. It was mentioned that the DDA is behind in paying their monthly \$150.00 toward rent & phone. Jan got 6 (six) self addressed envelopes that she is turning over to Wendy so they can be mailed in on a more timely fashion. Since there was no quorum for the July meeting, John Sutter made a motion to approve the \$1632.31 expenditure for advertising merchandise, the motion was seconded by Kathy Jernigan. Motion passed.
- VII. President’s Report -- Tracy Smith (HLRCC) received a grant to send 3 (three) marketing members to the EDC conference being held in Alma, Mi on Sept. 14-15. Kathy Jernigan and Ray Wlosinski will be going. Powersports has a pending sale of the business. New owner has no intention of moving the business. Hopes to expand inventory to ebikes, kayaks and other outdoor equipment. Been speaking with someone in N. Carolina possibly interested in building/opening a motel in St. Helen. Dollar Store in northend is the 1st of its kind in Michigan. Property on Artesia Beach next to Louie’s – possible garage condos.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Memberships--- Memberships for the new year (July 1 thru June 30) are trickling in.
 - b. Raffles – none in the works right now
 - c. Marketing Committee Report –ad for the quilt show is in the Sept-Oct issue of Country Register. Looking for quilt display racks. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle, door prizes etc.
 - d. ARPA Committee Report-Nothing happening on this
 - e. Office Manager Update— handouts (advertising merchandise)ordered and coming into the office. Phone guides delivered, need to contact to cut down quantity.
 - f. Quilt Block Trail Report—new block being created for Joanie Meyers home.
 - g. Vijay will head committee on a possible Charity Ball for St. Helen....needs volunteers Santa Parade will be held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 26th) Jack Hawkins and Dean Carpenter both enjoy being Santa. Alternate –last year was Dean, 2022 should be Jack.
- IX. Old Business
 - a. “Rolling Beverage Raffle) sold 176 tickets at \$10.00 ea= \$1651.74
 - b. Update of Golf Event – Tina Carpenter will be helping Kathy collect donations for door prizes for the event. Vickie to provide an introduction letter for Tina so people know who she represents. Jan will provide the tickets for the lottery ticket board.
 - c. Already discussed quilt tour .

X. New Business

- a. Fall Decorating Contest—need to decide how we are handling this contest. We will use the same format as we used for the Christmas decorating....three categories, Business, Organization & Resident.
- b. Meet & Greet—explained the ballot issues....may not have all names on ballot until after 9/20 so we are moving the meet & greet out one week to October 6th. Letters to invite candidates are ready to go except for the local board candidates.
- c. Assign board members for events—Quilt Show—Kathy, Jan & Ray
Down & Dirty--??
Christmas Parade—Nov. 26th CERT security
Member Appreciation Trunk or Treat Bev
Heroes Operation---Ray
Firemens Memorial (Family Night???) Ray
- d. Motion to approve New Board Members-- New Member of Board Tina Carpenter
Motion made by Vijay Kumar to bring Tina on to the board, 2nd by John Sutter. Motion passed
New Member of Board Shirley Karch
Motion made by Kathy Jernigan to bring Shirley Karch on to the board, 2nd by Vijay Kumar.
Motion passed.

XI. Good of Order---perhaps we should consider a sidewalk sale in the Spring....come to the next meeting with ideas.

Motion made by John Sutter to adjourn meeting at 7:24pm 2nd by Vijay Kumar