



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

September 20, 2021

- I. Meeting Called to order at 6:02 p.m., the pledge of allegiance was recited by all
- II. Roll Call taken, Bev VanMeter , Jan Waltz, Kathy Jernigan, Ray Wlosinski, John Sutter(unexc), Vijay Kumar, Torrie Wright (exc.), Vickie Smith.
- III. No additions to agenda
- IV. No guests in attendance
- V. Motion by Vijay Kumar and seconded by Jan Waltz to approve the minutes from the August 30th meeting. Motion Passed
- VI. Treasurer's report given by Kathy Jernigan. Balance \$4613.38, reflecting all income and expenses plus \$294.81 of DDA account. Report to be filed for future audit.
- VII. President's Report—Ray was happy with Chamber/DDA office Open House held on 9/14. About 19 visitors stopped in to talk and look over the new space. Richfield Township has received a \$400,000. Grant from the county for improvements. Looking for ideas. The township will form a ARPA committee. They'll take suggestions and decide what should be done. There are parameters and restrictions on how the money can be used. Some of the ideas that will be coming from the Chamber;
 - a. Sidewalks on the east side of M-76 from Artesia Beach to M-76/97 split. Cost about \$110,000.
 - b. A fitness walking trail
 - c. Walkway with garden and cross country trail.
 - d. Possibly for an information kiosk to be installed near the township office building
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Memberships---they are coming in through the mail, but there are some that will need to be visited. Vickie sent out 2nd notices to members that have not rejoined for this year.
 - b. Raffles---nothing to report
 - c. Nothing to add
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Golf Outing—Scheduled for 9/26. Kathy has 11 teams ready to go. 13 sponsors. She will be having warm breakfast burritos, coffee, juice, granola bars—maybe donuts Kathy turned in a combo bill for Firemen Memorial Family Day & Golf Outing \$82.45 and a bill from Jan for water for the chamber/DDA open house for \$9.00. Motion by Jan Waltz to pay these bills and seconded by Vijay Kumar. Motion Passed.
 - b. Quilt Show – Scheduled for 10/11. The Barn @ Evergreen Farms is allowing the chamber to use their building for this event. Tickets are currently being sold. Of the 20 tickets the chamber was given to sell, 11 have been spoken for. Ray said he will be available to help that day. Jan has arranged for Brenda Windsor to be present and demonstrate quilting during the day. If you don't buy your ticket in advance the cost is \$2.00 to come in and look around—no tour, no lunch.
 - c. Organizations Meeting—Ray would like to set up a meeting in Mid-January for the organizations To get together and set their calendar for the year, in order to avoid overlaps. Possibly invite representatives from the various publications to attend to put in their two cents as well. They normally need the info by May in order to get it published, some may publish earlier??
 - d. Nothing added

- X. New Business
- a. Annual Appreciation Dinner/Meeting....postponed until next year. Still cautious of Covid-19 spread. Maybe it can be incorporated with our Summer Kick Off in May, held outdoors.
 - b. Fall Decorating Contest—revise flyer to reflect Inside Decorations for businesses will be judged. Also, if a business is off the main business district it can call the chamber office and get set up to be judged. Only Best Overall Decorations/Inside & Outside categories for businesses this time. Prizes for residents the same.
 - c. Trunk or Treat –The chamber to donate \$50.00 to John Sutter for TorT. He prefers money to candy then he can fill in with what he needs. Motion by Kathy Jernigan made to give \$50.00, seconded by Vijay Kumar. Motion passed.
 - d. Brenda Bachelder sent an email requesting a letter of support be sent from the chamber regarding grant money for BRA. Vickie to type letter on letterhead and forward to Ray for signature and sending to her.
 - e. Ray would like to do some different things for Christmas decorations this year. Maybe artificial trees in front of the township offices, decorated by organizations or residents?? with unbreakable ornaments. things to consider in the future, using the rustic area of the campgrounds for decorating or perhaps a walking path at the garden area. Bev wants to continue to do “letters to Santa”.
- XI. No items from the audience.
- XII. Vijay Kumar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bev VanMeter .

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Respectfully,

Vickie Smith
Recording Secretary