

St Helen Chamber of Commerce

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Minutes for September 28, 2016

Meeting: Called to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Vice-President J. Lyttle

Board Members in Attendance: James Lyttle, Kathy Jernigan, John Sutter, Sheryl Lyttle, Connie Barton

Members & Visitors in Attendance: Justin Plunkett, Kacey Lacey, Jan Waltz, Grange Bell, Jerry Mynarcik, Ron Sheffield.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by J. Waltz, with second by C. Barton. Motion Carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion by C. Barton with support by J. Waltz motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

Correspondence/Hospitality: Cards were sent out by S. Lyttle.

Membership/Licensing: No Report.

Old Business:

A. Meet & Greet: This event was very nice with lots of good questions. It was a small crowd. K. Lacey complemented the Chamber for their efforts to inform the voters of this community.

B. Fireman's Memorial: S. Lyttle reported that we passed out a lot of candy and played games with the kids. The event appeared to be well attended. Thank you to all who helped in this event.

C. Annual Meeting: We will be meeting at the VFW Hall (Duck & Lake). We would like to encourage all in attendance to bring non-perishable items. The dinner will be October 26, 2016. If anyone has items for the raffle basket, please drop them off at BS Liquor.

D. Ed Stern Safe Schools: K. Lacey will attend the first meeting on October 13, and let us know what is in the works for this group and how we might support it.

E. Santa Parade: J. Waltz advised that we are waiting to hear from SANTA in hopes that he will be able to make the parade. J. Sutter advised that all is in order for the parade.

New Business:

A. NAIFC. J. Lyttle talked about a group that would like to bring an Ice fishing contest into our area. After discussion the Chamber feels that the cost and return would not benefit our St. Helen Area as much as it would Houghton Lake or West Branch at this point. We might be interested in a few years.

B. Chubface: J. Plunkett talked about a group of friends that are putting together an Ice Fishing weekend. We look forward to hearing more about this weekend, and how we can help promote this event.

C. Township Cove Park: R. Sheffield and J. Mynarcik gave the Chamber an update on costs for a Pavilion for the Cove park. The cost of materials for the planned pavilion is \$5800.00. Our fundraiser will be donating \$5000.00. They asked if we would consider something else for the funds. The original fundraiser was for "needed" items at the park, so the Park Board may use the funds for another item, and the Chamber will consider the funding of the Pavilion at another time.

D. Visitor's Guide: G. Bell would like to create a guide for Saint Helen in the Spring. The board feels this is a good idea. The Chamber office is out of the guides that were produced three years ago. It was also mentioned that the St. Ignace Visitors Center does not have any of the Roscommon County Guide. The next person heading that way might be L. derPilibosian, and we will ask her to drop some off.

E. Jamboree: The people that worked on the Jam last year have asked for the park again for 2017. J. Sutter will e-mail the groups and ask if they need support from the Chamber.

F. Cops and Coffee: The Chamber voted on a motion to purchase a cake at Peach Pit by K. Jernigan, with a second by J. Lyttle. Motion Carried. The event is October 7, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Township Hall. Please join our Public Safety Department for Coffee.

G. Trunk or Treat: J. Sutter asked that we support this event again this year. K. Jernigan made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the event with second by J. Waltz. Motion Carried. This event is October 29, 2016

H. Cove Raffle Drawing: And the Winner is....Marge from the Hen House. Ticket # 88

Comments from those in attendance:

K. Jernigan invited everyone to the RCCOA St. Helen Open House/Lunch at the Center on October 18. This is a chance for the community to see our Sr. Center and all of the programs that are offered.

J. Sutter invited the community to Trivia Night on October 15, to support Helping Hands, Civic Center, and Optimist Club. The plan is to hold this event every other month. J. Sutter also invited the group to the Dinner Theatre October 22 and 23, 2016.

Motion to adjourn by S. Lyttle with support by J. Sutter. 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Lyttle.

Community Dates to Remember:

September 30, Trails Dinner Meeting

October 4, Building Dedication Ceremony, Rosco Trans Authority, Honoring Richard Wood
Fall Color Tours

Annual Fall Decorating Contest

October 7, Cops & Coffee Township Hall

October 15, Trivia Night at the Civic Center

October 18, RCCOA Lunch and Open House

October 22 & 23, Dinner Theatre at the Legion.

October 26, Annual Membership Dinner

October 29, 2016 Trunk or Treat

December 3, 2016 Christmas Santa Parade

December 17, 2016 Time to Shine Contest

We have many events that are happening in our Saint Helen Area. This is a partial list of Dates. Please check the following web pages for more details and events.

www.sthelenchamber.net www.dirtpackers.org
www.sainthelensnowpackers.com www.bluegillfestival.com www.sthelenfireworks.com

Our next meeting will be the Annual Dinner Meeting at the VFW Hall On October 26. Please watch your mail/email for your invite.

Our Regular Meetings are on the last Wednesday of the Month.