

St Helen Chamber of Commerce

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Minutes for March 25, 2015

Meeting : Called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, by President Bev Van Meter at 6:02 pm.

Members in Attendance: Bev Van Meter, Kathy Jernigan, Jim Lyttle, Sheryl Lyttle, Lori derPilibosian, Grange Bell, Jan Waltz, Don Mraz, Richard Schwalm.

Approval of Minutes: A Motion to approve the minutes from February 2015 by Jim Lyttle, with support by Jan Waltz, Motion Carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Jim Lyttle, with support by Dick Schwalm. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

Correspondence: No Update.

Membership/Licensing: Kathy Jernigan suggested that we have a raffle to benefit the new Park at the old Carters' Cove. The tickets will be for \$100.00 each, drawn once a month, in a progressive style. Only 100 tickets will be sold. The motion was made by Jan Waltz to do a progressive raffle fundraiser with support by Dick Schwalm. Motion carried.

Hospitality: Joe Waldron has passed.

Old Business:

A. Small Town Conference: Bev Van Meter has asked Rosalie Meyers if there are any free or reduced price tickets available for this meeting. The meeting is April 13-15, 2015. At this time, there are no funds available to help with the cost of this meeting. The cost is \$175.00 per person. Sheryl Lyttle made a motion to pay for Bev Van Meter to attend the conference, with support by Kathy Jernigan. Motion carried.

B. Kickoff to Summer: Everything is moving along well. The Dirt Packer ORV Parade, Chamber Pulled Pork BBQ, Rib Cook-off, and DDA Horseshoe Tournament scheduled for May 16, 2015 Lynn Ruden, Bruce Rendon, and Michael J are the judges for the Cook-off.

C. Houghton Lake Expo: Kathy Jernigan sent in the request for a space at the Expo. Sheryl Lyttle made a motion to purchase pens, bags and cozies for the Expo, with a second by Kathy Jernigan. Motion Carried. Kathy Jernigan will be making the arrangements for this purchase, and will be attending the Expo.

D. Community Guide: The Roscommon County Guide will be discussed at the next EDC meeting. Jan Waltz will be attending the Marketing Meeting and will suggest that we use regular paper instead of glossy in order to cut the costs of this brochure.

F. Jamboree: The first meeting of the Jamboree committee will be March 27, 2015 at St. Helen Power Sports, 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in helping, please plan to attend. Lori derPilibosian and Jim Lyttle will be chairing this event. Lori derPilibosian will be walking the area with Sean Dunn and Pete Reilly to discuss the Sand Run and what changes need to be done.

New Business:

A. Christmas Trees: The Township was sent a letter with ideas on the Christmas Tree lighting event. At this time the trees will stay where they are, and not be cut. Ron Sheffield and crew will take off the lights when the weather is warmer.

B. By-laws: Copies of the By-laws were presented and we will vote on them at the next meeting.

C. Easter Egg Hunt: Jan Waltz made a motion to give \$100.00 to the Easter Egg Hunt, with a second by Lori derPilibosian, Motion Carried. If anyone knows a group or a person who would like to take over the chair of this event, please contact Luke at the Cedar Inn.

D. American Legion: Don Mraz asked that we advise everyone about the Open House at Post 416. This is for Veterans' and their families. For more information please contact Don at legion416sthelen@att.net

E. Blessing of the Boats: There will be a blessing of the boats at the Fishing Pier, Richfield Township Park, on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

Community Dates to Remember:

We have many events that are happening in our Saint Helen Area. This is a partial list of Dates. Please check websites for more details. The Dirt Packers and Blue Festival have many events that are not listed below.

April 3, 2015 Good Friday ORV Run

April 5, 2015 Sunrise Service, Sand Hill (CMA)

May 9, 2015 ATV Training at the Richfield Community Center. (www.dirtpackers.org)

May 16, 2015 Kick off to Summer

June 13, 2015 Free fishing weekend and events at the Fishing Pier

June 13, 2015 Library 50th Birthday Party at the Pier.

July 3, 2015 Fireworks

July 4, 2015 Dirt Packers' Hot Dog Run, Membership Drive

July 18-25, 2015 Bluegill Festival (www.bluegillfestival.com)

July 18, 2015 Big Bass Tournament

August 7-9, Jamboree

September 19, 2015 SnowPackers/DirtPackers ORV Ride

October 3, 2015 Trek the Mighty Mac (Ride 0

October 10, 2015 Dual Sports Ride, Toys for Tots

October 2015 Chamber Dinner Meeting

October 2015 Trunk or Treat

December 5, 2015 Santa Parade

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jim Lyttle at 6:45 pm with support by Jan Waltz.

**Our next meeting will be at 6:00 pm at the St. Helen Community Center April 29, 2015
Our Regular Meetings are on the last Wednesday of the Month.**

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Lyttle.